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IPI to seek permit to operate less than 5-star Marpi resort

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC is asking the CNMI Lottery Commission to allow it to operate a less than five-star hotel when it takes over the operation of the Mariana Resort & Spa in Marpi.

IPI was the lone company that submitted a bid to the Department of Public Lands to take over the Mariana Resort & Spa and other properties in the area that were leased by Kan Pacific.

IPI's request for a waiver in operating the Kan Pacific property is one of the subjects that was included in IPI's 191-page amendment No. 6 request that they submitted

to the CNMI Lottery Commission, which is going to meet today to discuss the extension request.

The Marpi properties leased by Kan Pacific is the possible site of IPI's Phase I and Phase II hotel projects. Kan Pacific's lease expired this year and they were given a few months extension by DPL.

DPL had already issued a notice of intent to award the lands leased by Kan Pacific. The agency has been negotiating with IPI since the deadline of the submission of bids, with the

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Tropical storm heads for NI

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Less than a week following Typhoon Cimaron and the severe flooding it brought to the CNMI, yet another weather disturbance is expected to graze the Commonwealth's Northern Islands.

Yesterday, at 1pm, the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, said that Tropical Depression 25W, now designated as Tropical Storm Jebi, is making its way to the Marianas.

According to an NWS advisory, Tropical Storm Jebi is expected to intensify as it approaches

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Torres to meet with DoD officials

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres left yesterday morning to attend a meeting with U.S. Department of Defense officials in Hawaii.

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog is the acting governor and will be signing today and tomorrow's proclamation declaring September as Childhood and



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Prostate Cancer Awareness and CNMI Preparedness months.

Torres' meeting with DoD officials is in connection with the ongoing plans of upgrading the CNMI's community infrastructures, specifically on Tinian and the Tinian Health Center, respectively.

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Torres: Increase in income eligibility for ENAP OK'd

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service has approved an increase in income eligibility with ENAP funding for the CNMI, allowing more families to avail of food assistance.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres announced the approval yesterday, crediting the work of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter, Nutrition Assistance Program administrator Walter Macaranas, and "our

hardworking staff" at the NAP.

"We successfully negotiated for an increase in income eligibility so that more families can avail of food stamps," Torres said.

"This increase in eligibility standards will go a long way in helping our man'amko, our children, and families who do not have enough food. Fulfilling our families' basic nutrition has been a critical priority

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A DAY IN THE CNMI

Employees of the Department of Public Works fix a street light at the Chalan Monsignor Guerrero intersection yesterday morning.

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Warrant out for man who went to Korea sans court permit

The federal court issued Friday a warrant for the arrest of a probationer who allegedly left Saipan for South Korea without the court's permission and other alleged probation violations.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona issued the warrant against Tarell Darnell Murphy at the request of the U.S. Probation Office.

According to U.S. Probation officer Gregory F. Arriola,

Murphy left Saipan without permission from the court or his probation officer.

Murphy also failed to report to the U.S. Probation Office in July and August, Arriola said.

He said he received information last Wednesday, Aug. 22, that Murphy had been seen inside the Saipan airport around July 26 or 27, 2018.

That same day, Arriola contacted the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and confirmed that Murphy had de-

parted for Busan, South Korea on Jeju Air flight 3451.

Arriola said Murphy was not authorized to leave Saipan.

Last Jan. 26, the U.S. Probation Office informed the District Court that Murphy had been arrested on Dec. 27, 2017, for beating up his girlfriend.

On Feb. 6, 2018, Murphy pleaded guilty to assault and battery in the Superior Court. He was sentenced to time served of 36 days imprisonment and placed on probation

for one year.

On March 2, 2018, Murphy's federal probation conditions were modified to include that he be placed on home detention for three months.

Arriola said Murphy completed the three-month location monitoring program on June 8, 2018.

Arriola said that he learned that Murphy failed to submit a monthly supervision report for July and August 2018.

In April 2017, the U.S.

Marshals arrested Murphy on Saipan based on an indictment filed in South Carolina for false statement.

The U.S. District of Carolina issued an arrest warrant against Murphy on July 30, 2015, for failure to appear for an initial appearance on a supervised release violation scheduled for July 21, 2015.

In April 2017, the U.S. District Court for the NMI ordered that Murphy be transferred to the District of South Carolina.

Murphy agreed to this.

On Aug. 19, 2017, District of South Carolina Senior Judge Margaret B. Seymour sentenced Murphy to time-served for false statement.

Seymour placed Murphy on two years of supervised release with conditions.

Last Oct. 31, the jurisdiction of Murphy's case was transferred to the District of the NMI as the defendant had moved back to Saipan. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Torres: Gaming industry has room for improvement

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said that casino gaming on Saipan has room for improvement since it is a new industry.

In his second State of the Commonwealth Address last Friday, Torres said that Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC had consistently paid its taxes despite the controversies swirling around the casino operator in the last three years.

"This year marks the continued success of the newest

addition to our economy, our gaming industry on Saipan. Some of the outcomes are positive and there remains room for improvement. Despite what you may have heard, IPI pays taxes. In fact, IPI is the highest single taxpayer in the CNMI," said Torres.

"The casino gaming industry has provided the CNMI government with more than \$153 million in business gross revenue tax, bar tax, excise tax, and other applicable taxes which they are required to pay."

He thanked the CNMI Leg-

islature for funding the government's many programs in education, healthcare, and infrastructure.

"We need to learn from the lessons of the past and use revenues generated to support even greater returns for our islands. That is why I thank the Legislature for their commitment to using these funds to supplement other funding sources in our future. Over the last few years, the Legislature appropriated millions of dollars to investments in our community," said Torres.

He said that \$142.3 million was appropriated to healthcare for the Commonwealth Health Center, medical referral program, and the treatment of those suffering from addiction and substance abuse and \$209.6 million for education to support the students to become the CNMI's next doctors, engineers, chemists, teachers, lawyers, nurses, and business leaders.

Torres added that the \$15 million annual license fee has also funded projects for the CNMI's three senatorial districts that was

used to pave roads, improve Saipan's power generation and wastewater treatment center, support students, provide equipment to farmers, assist the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance's scholarship program, and acquire new equipment at the hospital like the new infant ventilator and CT scanner.

"As we have moved this industry from concept, to law, to construction, we have all learned valuable lessons. We improve and adapt as new difficulties come up. We have extended and amended the original casino license agree-

ment in response to these challenges and to make sure the project is done the right way," said Torres.

Issues with IPI

Torres and Commonwealth Casino Commission chair Juan Sablan said that Imperial Pacific International Holdings Limited's recent filing of a profit warning announcement is a "concern" for the CNMI. Both, however, remain positive for the future.

Torres said he plans to meet with IPI executives to learn more. "I haven't seen what

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Govt employees descend on Pre-Labor Day picnic

Labor Day committee chair Eliceo Cabrera noted that the CNMI government's pre-Labor Day picnic last Saturday at the Garapan Fishing Base was a success.

"...We rented 44 tents, which are rented by each department. They are supposed to provide their own tents," Cabrera told *Saipan Tribune*. "The turnout today, I believe, consists of all the government employees."

The occasion also served to recognize outstanding government employees.

Although Labor Day officially falls on Sept. 3, 2018, Cabrera said it was Gov. Ralph DLG Torres

who requested that the picnic be celebrated in advance. "...The governor wanted the government to be united on this day, so that on the Labor Day weekend itself, employees could spend it with their families," he said.

Cabrera noted that they had only one day to prepare for the picnic.

"We did not want any competition for decorating tents. Last night [Thursday evening] was street market night, so yesterday [Friday], we spent most of the afternoon here delivering tents, setting up tables, setting up logistics, etc.," Cabrera said, adding that he was as-

sisted by members of the Labor Day picnic committee.

Cabrera chairs the committee while Gus Kaipat, the special assistant to the Lands and Natural Resources secretary, served as the vice chair. The committee consists of at least three members.

For the 2019 Labor Day picnic, Cabrera said he'd like Kaipat to serve as chairman.

The pre-Labor Day picnic Saturday saw the attendance of at least 20 government agencies such as the departments of Community and Cultural Affairs, Public Safety, Public Lands, Finance, Lands and Natural Resources, Public Works, Correc-

tions, Commerce, and Labor; Commonwealth Ports Authority; Commonwealth Casino Commission; Marianas Visitors Authority; Legislative Bureau;

Office of the Attorney General; Commonwealth Development Authority, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, CNMI Scholarship Office; Commonwealth Utilities Corp.; CNMI Judiciary; Office of the Mayor-Saipan, and the

Northern Marianas College.

Tents for the Northern Marianas Housing Corp., Commonwealth Healthcare Corp., and the Public School System were not seen during the picnic, among others. (*Erwin Encinares*)

NMC alumni to host mixer on Sept. 1

Graduates of Northern Marianas College are being invited to a social mixer, hosted by the NMC Alumni Association, that will feature networking opportunities, fun activities, and entertainment.

The mixer will be held on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, at Joe's Bar and Grill, from 6pm to 10pm.

The event will also include a drink special for the evening, a free raffle ticket, one free chaser while supplies last, prizes for raffle, and open karaoke. All participants must be 21 and over to attend and admission tickets cost \$20 each. The mixer is also not exclusive to NMC graduates. NMC alumni are encouraged to purchase tickets for additional guests he or she would like to bring to the event. Because space is limited, the NMC Alumni Association is encouraging participants to purchase their tickets as soon as possible.

Alumni who participate in the mixer will receive a free one-year membership into the association, an alumni ID

card, a 15-percent discount on all items at the NMC Bookstore, and a discounted price on admissions to all upcoming NMC alumni events. Additionally, participants will also be entitled to one free official transcript throughout the duration of their one-year membership.

The annual membership fee into the NMC Alumni Association is \$10.

Tickets, which are \$20 each, can be purchased at the NMC cashier window at the As Terlaje campus on Saipan. The cashier window is open Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4pm.

"The association is still fairly new so we are looking forward creating this community for our alumni," said committee member Christina Cruz. "This is the first of many events we want to host to gain awareness of the association and recruit more members."

"The overarching goal of the association is to build a strong relationship between the College and its alumni," said NMC Alumni Association chair Jack Kiyoshi. "We hope to build a

community where we are bridging intending NMC graduates with alumni who are looking to hire in order to strengthen the CNMI workforce."

The NMC Alumni Association is a committee of individuals dedicated to expanding the alumni network and relationships for Northern Marianas College. It coordinates with alumni, employees, and friends to present programs while inspiring financial support. The association aims to connect alumni with both private and public organizations to promote the college's values of a strong and prosperous workforce in the CNMI and abroad.

For more information about the Alumni Association Mixer, contact Christina Cruz at 237-6811 or email christina.cruz@marianas.edu. (*PR*)

New Lion's Club charter inducts officers

A sixth group under Lion's Club International inducted its charter officers at the Kanoa Resort Saipan in Susupe last Sunday.

Charter president Arceli Lizama said the new group is called Saipan Centennial Lion's Club.

"Our main goal really is to help with the community," Lizama told *Saipan Tribune*. "We have actually already started to participate in community projects," she added, noting that members of the new charter would be participating in the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's clean-

up this Sept. 15, 2018.

"This would be our first community project," she said.

The group's vice presidents include Jasmina Guiao and Ruth Reyes. Other officers include club membership chairperson Carmel Joan Cabrera, secretary Ligaya Mangahis, assistant secretary Grace Cruz, treasurer Lourdes Ortiz, assistant treasurer Aurelia Rodriguez, club service chairperson Angelo Tiamzon, membership director Nenita Marquez, safety officer Manolo Rosales, first year director Juanito Sarmiento, and second year

director June Ortiz.

Special officers for the club include Federico Ortiz and Vilma Embolatorio.

The 15 officers comprise almost half of the whole group's organization, which Lizama said has 38 members.

According to Lizama, one of the few projects the group is looking at is a feeding program and a health fair, where members of the organization could offer food and clothing to those in need and a quick medical check up. Specifics continue to be discussed within the group. (*Erwin Encinares*)



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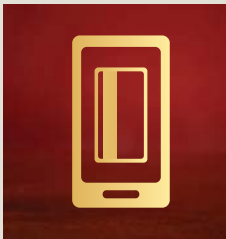
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'Guma Hustisia will not re-open this year'

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The Guma Hustisia building in Susupe will not re-open this year and it is still not sure when it will re-open its doors to the public.

The building was closed to the public in March due to a severe mold infestation and air-conditioning problems. Since then, nothing much has been reported on the progress made to have the building re-opened.

A source said it is increasingly likely that the building will remain closed until the end of the year.

Based on the last news re-

lease, the Guma Hustisia just issued a request for qualifications last Aug. 1, seeking the services of a mechanical engineering consulting services that would help the CNMI Judiciary fix its mold and air-conditioning problem.

The requests for proposals are due at the end of August and only then will they have an estimated date to re-open the building. It remains unsure whether the building will open this year.

In the meantime, three transaction windows have been built on the side of the building's main entrance.

The Judiciary's accounting service unit/cashier,

Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, and Law Revision Commission will serve the public at these transaction windows.

Accounting Service Unit/cashier is at Window 1, while the Commonwealth Recorder's Office and the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court are at Window 2. The Law Revision Commission is at Window 3.

The public will still be able to complete payments, process filings, obtain police clearances, and have access to other services at the walk-up transaction windows.

In accordance with the

Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable and appropriate accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities with the assistance of the Marshals Service Division.

Court hearings are still being held at the U.S. District Court for the NMI in Garapan and at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, and the Northern Marianas College.

According to a previous article on *Saipan Tribune*, the 22-year-old main air-conditioning system at the Guma Hustisia was temporarily fixed more than a month before the building was closed down.

As the repair was only temporary, there is a huge possibility that the system may

break at anytime.

According to a previous article, the Judiciary needs an estimated \$7 million to replace the main air-conditioning system and for mold remediation. The article mentioned that the estimated budget is \$4.4 million to replace the air-

conditioning system and \$2.6 million for mold remediation.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has since signed into law a bill that would allocate \$7 million to the Judiciary for the procurement of a new air-conditioning system and for mold remediation.

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254th Red Horse Squadron is currently working on improvements at THC, with the project cost estimated at about \$500,000. The CNMI government and the DoD had also teamed up to complete the planned paving of Marpo Heights II; enhancing the Tinian seaport is another project that DoD has committed to.

Torres will then head to Washington State to celebrate the Labor Day weekend with other elected officials visiting CNMI constituents in the state.

Torres and other CNMI officials will be attending the 13th Annual CNMI Labor Day Goodwill Softball Tournament in Washington State.

The Labor Day softball tournament usually brings together all CNMI residents who are living and working in the U.S.

mainland, particularly those in the West Coast. It is a weekend of camaraderie and cultural preservation of all CNMI residents in the mainland.

In a statement by his office, it said that Torres, when visiting constituents in the U.S. mainland, "always reaffirms his commitment of ensuring the CNMI's economy continues to grow and stabilize," so off-island residents could think of coming back to the islands.

Torres said he's committed to have more job opportunities, resources, and amenities available in order to attract CNMI residents in the U.S. mainland to return to the Commonwealth.

The administration said it has prioritized the "critical role of the economy to all CNMI residents—here and in the mainland—so everyone who calls these islands home have various opportunities available once they return."

ENAP

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of this administration, and increasing income eligibility allows people to receive food benefits while increasing personal income, growing skills, and participating in our economy.

"I commend the work of our employees at the DCCA and NAP, who truly were the ones who accomplished this for our families in need," Torres said.

NAP completed its annual budget negotiation and discussions about ENAP with the USDA-FNS on Aug. 23, 2018.

The negotiation was led on the CNMI side by Hunter, Macaranas, and NAP accountant Telly Olkeriil; Jesus Mendoza, regional administrator USDA-FNS, Dennis Stewart, SNAP director, and Maribelle Balbes, disaster assistance coordinator, on the FNS side.

Hunter said a major result of the meeting was the approval by the FNS of the NAP's pending request to increase income eligibility with ENAP funding in the CNMI.

"The FNS approved an increase in the CNMI's NAP income eligibility standards to that of 100 percent of poverty level guidelines recognized in the national Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. This means a qualified single individual would be eligible if they earned \$1,005 or less per



Secretary of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Robert Hunter and Nutrition Assistance Program administrator Walter Macaranas with the the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) Region IX during their recent meeting in San Francisco.

month. As it follows, a family of two could bring in earnings of \$1,354 and qualify, a family of three \$1,702, a family of four \$2,050, and a family of five \$2,399. This is an increase from the current \$841 per month cap on earnings and the NAP's normal earnings cap of \$541. The increased income eligibility level will go into effect beginning Oct. 1 of this year," Hunter said.

Macaranas noted that the ENAP plan was designed to increase benefits and transition the NAP to operate more similarly to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, including the development of an eligibility system that can accommodate an EBT (card)-based system.

"It was the intention of the plan that there would be a high possibility of the NAP seeing a transition into the SNAP through the new Agricultural Bill (Farm Bill). However, the FNS reported to the NAP

that the window to see that language in the bill is likely closed. There was no language placed in the bill in Congress to see the CNMI transition into the SNAP. This will mean that the next opportunity for the CNMI to get into the SNAP will be in five years, and that beneficiaries receiving the increased benefits and increased income eligibility will be stepped down from those after 2019," Macaranas added.

The NAP was informed that because the CNMI is in a unique position, one of only three territories operating under a block grant, that increased funding necessary to continue the current or forthcoming income eligibility and benefit levels can only be authorized by Congress to increase the CNMI NAP block grant to levels that will accommodate that. As the CNMI transitions into SNAP was not included in the current Agricultural Bill, this is the only

avenue to see current levels maintained or increased.

With the NAP benefits at the cap, this recent approval for an increase in income eligibility will make more families with a higher monthly income, eligible through 2019.

"The NAP is improving people's lives with compassion day in and day out. We commend their hard work and dedication," Torres said. "More and more people are following their dreams, entering our workforce, and stabilizing their families because we have put in place programs within the system for them to become self-sufficient while meeting their basic nutrition. I believe in the power of social support systems to provide a hand up to those in need. Increasing the eligibility will help in achieving this goal."

Additional information regarding the increases made to the income eligibility standards and other changes will be provided at a later date. (PR)

STORM

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the northern part of the Mariana Islands.

At 1pm yesterday, Jebi was moving northwest at 16 mph and is expected to make a turn toward the west-northwest with a decrease in forward speed over the next few days.

Maximum sustained winds of 40 mph are expected as Tropical Storm Jebi continues to intensify through the remainder of the week.

Jebi is forecasted to become a typhoon later today or early Thursday. Tropical storm force winds extend outward from the center up to 90 miles to the north and up to 65 miles to the south.

Jebi was located at about 805 miles east of Saipan, 810 miles east-southeast of Alamagan, 820 miles east-

southeast of Pagan, 840 miles east-southeast of Agrihan, and 880 miles east of Guam as of yesterday.

On its current track, Tropical Storm Jebi is expected to pass near Agrihan early on Friday.

Any inter-island travel in the far Northern Islands should be completed by this afternoon.

Tropical typhoon watches may be issued today due to the possibility of heavy showers, strong gusty winds, and dangerous marine conditions.

Commonwealth residents are encouraged by the Office of the Governor to stay informed of the latest forecasts and statements from the National Weather Service and the CNMI Emergency Management Office. The latest weather forecasts and advisories are available on the WFO Guam website at www.weather.gov/gum/.

IPI

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casino operator the lone bidder for the properties.

DPL issued the notice of intent to award to IPI on July 15, 2016, pursuant to RFP15-RED006 for the public lands in Marpi where the Mariana Resort & Spa is located.

DPL has not yet awarded the land and, once all issues are settled, the Legislature will be the one who will sign the lease agreement—as required by law—since the property is more

than 50,000 square meters.

DPL Secretary Marianne Teregeyo told *SaipanTribune* last month that they have yet to forward any document to the Legislature since they are still working with IPI on some of the issues that they have concerns with.

DPL, according to IPI's amendment request, said that IPI must continue operating the Mariana Resort until their hotel projects are completed on the same site. IPI, however, based on the casino license agreement, must only operate five-star quality hotels.

That's why IPI is requesting the Lottery Commission to waive the requirement so they can continue operating Mariana Resort once they take over the property in order to address DPL's concerns.

IPI is also requesting for an extension on the completion date of the Garapan initial gaming facility, Imperial Pacific Resort. The original deadline, based on amendment No. 6, is supposed to be this Friday, Aug. 31, 2018, and they are asking for a two-year extension that is expected to finish in 2020 of

the same date.

They attached documents and enumerated the reasons, history of events that transpired, and why the project was delayed, hence request for extension.

They are also asking CLC to allow them to operate the completed portions of their development project in Garapan such as the food and beverage outlets, and gaming area once all the facilities have been done and all necessary licenses and permits are obtained from regulatory and permitting agencies.

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it is, but if it is a warning, all of should be concerned. I will get back and talk to them [IPI officials] and see about that warning and we're going to go from there."

"There are challenges that they [IPI] are going through. Let's see what are those challenges and see what we can do to help."

Sablan pointed out that competition in the gaming

industry in the region is stiff. "We're competing against Macau, the Philippines, Cambodia, and Vietnam. They are also aggressive."

He added that every business and economy experiences ups and downs. "A business like a casino is like a wave. Sometimes it goes up and sometimes it goes down. It [IPI profit warning] is one of the concerns and every business in general. Every economy, it goes up and it goes down. [That's why] we have to save as much as possible."

Dismissal sought in suit vs XTRA officials, others

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The five businesses and 21 Chinese tourists who have filed a \$50-million racketeering lawsuit in federal court against the owner and officials of XTRA Airways and several others now want to drop their complaint.

The plaintiffs, through lawyer Robert O'Connor, filed

yesterday a notice of voluntary dismissal of their lawsuit before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

O'Connor asked the court to dismiss the case without prejudice, which means the plaintiff may re-file the lawsuit in the future.

They accused XTRA Airways officials and others of allegedly engaging in a scam by pretending to participate in a

plan to bring tourists from China to Saipan via charter aircraft, but deliberately sabotaged the plan by failing to take the steps necessary for it to succeed.

The five complaining businesses are Dream Pacific Aviation Services Hong Kong Ltd.; Evelyn U.S.A. Corp., owner of Impression Tour; Bright Investment LLC, owner of Saipan Restaurant; Rionda Co. Ltd., owner of New Shin Restaurant;

and BW International, owner of BW Car Rental.

Eleven of the 21 Chinese are "stranded" tourists, while the rest are intending tourists who had booked and/or paid for flights on XTRA Airways charter flights from China to Saipan and back to China, according to the complaint.

The plaintiffs' counsels are O'Connor and the Torres Brothers law firm.

The defendants are Frank J. Visconti, Nicolas Finazzo, and Andrew Lotter, who are all citizens and residents of Florida. They allegedly authorized and participated in the scam.

The defendants have denied the allegations.

Visconti was president and chief executive officer of XTRA Airways. Finazzo was a director of XTRA Airways and AerSale Inc. He was also chief execu-

tive officer of Aersale Inc. and a member of Aerline Holdings LLC. Lotter was chief operating officer and director of operations for XTRA Airways.

Also sued are TEM Enterprises Inc., AerSale Inc.; and AerLine Holdings LLC. The companies are all based in Coral Gables, Florida.

Sean Frink and Catherine J. Cachero of the Marianas Legal Strategy Group LLC serve as local counsels for the defendants' lawyers, Matthew C. Dates and Andrea N. Nathan.

Ukulele class at public library

Registration for Beginner and Advanced Ukulele Class is ongoing at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. The minimum age requirement is children ages 8 years or older and adults. The total cost for eight class sessions is \$50.

Ukulele classes are held at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, in partnership with ukulele instructor Larry Lee and family.

A minimum 15 students are required for the session to begin.

Class, which will be every Thursday from 4pm to 5pm, is based on "first come, first paid" basis. Students must provide their own ukuleles and a folder to hold music sheets (plastic sheet protectors and a three-ring binder are recommended). Parents/guardians must sign a liability waiver form on behalf of their participating children and must adhere to public library policies and procedures.

For questions regarding ukulele class, call Celina Foreman or Victoria Cabrera at 235-7315 / 7322 during regular library hours. (PR)



File photo shows the completion ceremony for the Beginner and Advanced Ukulele Class at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

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'Highly technical skills necessary to CUC'

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Gary Camacho understands the importance of all their workers—whether local hire or those under the CW-1 program—that help maintain their power and water facilities.

CUC is one of the two agencies that has “critical occupations” that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres asked U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services should prioritize with their

CW1 permit applications. The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. is the other agency.

Torres asked USCIS to reserve 60 CW-1 permits in fiscal year 2019 for occupational categories related to CUC's operations that include water/wastewater engineers, electrical engi-



Camacho

neers, mechanical engineers, and trades technicians.

In an interview during Monday's ribbon-cutting of the As Terlaje 1-million-gallon water tank, Camacho said that most of the work that's being performed at CUC is highly technical.

“We have to understand that the work being performed at

the power plant, not only CWs but all employees, and the other areas of this corporation is highly technical. It is highly dangerous for the most part. It requires a lot of experience and a lot of understanding of the work,” said Camacho.

He added that they need the right people as they try to get more power engines back online while replacing the older ones. “It is highly technical and

highly complicated. It is extremely sophisticated. We need to have some of these people. ...We've had some of these guys for multiple years, with 20-plus years of experience.”

Camacho said he's pleased with the efforts to prioritize their personnel involved in power and water maintenance.

“The rate of the economic growth we've been having in the last few years is extremely challenging on any infrastructure. But like anything else, we're committed to doing the

best that we can and to take on these challenges,” he said. “I'm fortunate to have a wonderful group of people in all levels and areas of these corporation to be able to assist and put their hand in providing the best utility service, a modern and more effective efficient utility forward.”

Torres, in his letter to USCIS, said CUC has labor demands that's specific to engineering and trades occupations, that's why maintaining their services should be a priority. *(Jon Perez)*

American Sinopan willing to donate \$700K to CUC for installation of bigger water pipe

A company that wants to invest \$31 million more on Saipan by building 12 villas and one clubhouse on Capitol Hill is reportedly willing to donate \$700,000 so that the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. can build a bigger water pipe—and thereby improve the water supply—in the area.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, American Sinopan LLC chief executive officer Ken Lin said this public contribution will not only solve their project's need for a reliable water supply, but also help residents as well as fire trucks during wildfires.

At their last public hearing about one of their projects on Capitol Hill, Lin said that neighbors had expressed a concern about the limited CUC water supply.

Lin said that what CUC is

currently giving them in that area is only 7,200 gallons per day—not enough for their need.

“When our project is complete, our engineers' calculation is we need 11,900 gallons a day,” said Lin.

To increase the water supply, the company came up with four possible solutions: bring in a water truck, build a deep well, connect to their reverse osmosis system at their Tanapag hotel project, or increase the current size and length of the CUC water pipe.

Because the first three options are not possible, Lin said they intend to pursue the idea of working with CUC to increase the size of the water pipe.

Once the bigger pipe is in place, the water supply in the area will be 23,000 gallons a day, Lin said.

“Minus our 11,900-gallon-a-day requirement, we will

leave 11,140 gallons for our surrounding neighbors,” he said, noting it's a great improvement compared to the current supply of 7,200 gallons a day.

He said installing a bigger pipe will cost their company \$700,000, but that's part of their public contribution and their 2 percent developer's tax.

Lin also noted that the area usually has forest fires and often fire trucks have limited water supply.

He said the increased water supply would allow them to store 22,000 gallons of water that they can use in case of forest fires or structures fires in the area.

With respect to the villas and clubhouse project, Lin earlier said the project, called Capi-



Lin

itol Hill Residences, would be located across their Capitol Hill Resort, which is the renovated former Magellan Hotel. He said the renovated Magellan Hotel was then called Heaven II Hotel and now it is called Capitol Hill Resort.

Lin said they expect to expend \$31 million for the Capitol Hill Residences project, which would be separate from the \$350,000 renovation project of the former Magellan Hotel.

The CEO said the Capitol Hill Residences or villas are for their very high-end customers.

Lin said the clubhouse will serve both the Capitol Hill Resort and the Capitol Hill Residences.

He said Capitol Hill Resort is ready for opening, but not

complete yet.

American Sinopan submitted a proposal before the CNMI Zoning Board to amend its conditional use permit to include the construction of the 12 villas and a clubhouse.

Last June, American Sinopan LLC held a small groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of its project on Saipan, the Saipan Garden Resort in Tanapag.

Saipan Garden Resort will have 1,184 guestrooms, 170 apartments, and 108 staff apartments. The structure will be compound-like, with 14 six-story buildings, three swimming pools, and six restaurants.

American Sinopan owns a golf course and hotels in China. Its mother company, SinoPan, is based in Shanghai. *(Ferdie De La Torre)*

Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the District 1 storm drain and Talakhaya Beach and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. *(DEQ)*



Northern Marianas Humanities Council

Navigating the Human Experience

Call for Nominations 2018 Governor's Humanities Awards

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is accepting nominations for the 2018 Governor's Humanities Awards.

This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community.

Nominees should have a notable humanities achievement in the past year, as demonstrated in any of the following four categories:

- **Research and Publication in the Humanities;**
- **Preservation of Traditional Cultural Practices;**
- **Preservation of CNMI History; and**
- **Outstanding Humanities Teacher (in both classroom and non-classroom settings).**

A fifth category, **Lifetime Achievement**, recognizes significant contributions to the humanities over multiple decades. This award may be given posthumously.

Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at www.northern-marianashumanities.org.

Nominations may be made by any member of the general public and **are due no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 12 October 2018.**

Awards will be presented in a special ceremony in October (time, date and venue to be announced).

For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

From the COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
of the CNMI'S DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DATE: August 29, 2018

NOTICE OF APPROVED PROGRAM CHANGES: Pursuant to 15 CFR § 923.84, notice is hereby given that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office for Coastal Management (OCM) has reviewed a routine program change request (RPC) submitted on May 17, 2018 by the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) and has approved changes to the CNMI Coastal Management Program (CMP).

OCM has approved the revised list of federal actions subject to CZMA review. The revisions add certain activities undertaken by the Department of Defense; Army Corps of Engineers; National Park Service; Federal Aviation Administration; Federal Highway Administration; and Federal Emergency Management Agency to CNMI's list for review under subpart C of the Federal Consistency regulations. Certain forms of federal financial assistance provided by the Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Highway Administration, and Army Corps of Engineers have been added to the list for review under subpart F of the Federal Consistency regulations. One new form of license issued by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has been added for review under subpart D of the Federal Consistency regulations. In addition, OCM recognizes the CNMI Air Pollution Control Program requirements at 2 CMC §§ 3121 and 3122 as enforceable policies of the CNMI's CMP.

The complete approved list of federal actions subject to CZMA review, along with OCM's full review of the RPC, is available on the DCRM website at: www.dcrm.gov.mp/our-programs/permitting/federal-consistency/.

NOTICE OF ROUTINE PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST: This notice also serves to inform the public that, in response to OCM's review, DCRM is submitting an additional RPC request to amend DCRM regulations codified at NMIAC § 15-10 to reflect minor changes in wording and to clarify terms, and to recognize certain policies as enforceable policies of the CNMI CMP.

DCRM has determined that these updates constitute a routine program change to DCRM's federally-approved coastal management program because the actions do not make any substantial changes to: (1) uses subject to management; (2) special management areas; (3) boundaries; (4) authorities and organization, or (5) coordination, public involvement, and national interest.

DCRM is requesting that OCM concur with this determination. The full Routine Program Change memo submitted to OCM can be accessed on the DCRM website at: www.dcrm.gov.mp/our-programs/permitting/federal-consistency/. Comments regarding whether this program modification does or does not constitute a routine program change may be submitted to NOAA OCM within three weeks of the date of this notice. Please send all comments to:

Ms. Joelle Gore, Acting Chief
Coastal Programs Division
Office for Coastal Management
NOAA National Ocean Service
1305 East West Hwy., Room 11321
Silver Spring, MD 20910

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact DCRM at 670-664-8510 or FedCon@dcrm.gov.mp.

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Contact Mallory Muña at mmuna@dcrm.gov.mp or Colleen Flores at cflores@dcrm.gov.mp, or visit DCRM for more information!

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Scheduled power interruption on Sept. 1

There will be a scheduled power interruption on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, from 5am to 10am affecting Koblerville. Three power poles will be replaced but no water well and wastewater lift station

will be affected.

The purpose of the power interruption is to de-energize utility lines and allow Commonwealth Utilities Corp. linemen the ability to conduct maintenance on the power dis-

tribution system through the replacement of wooden poles with concrete poles at certain locations of the power grid. The scheduled power interruption is a continuation of CUC's ongoing hazard miti-

gation project that focuses on strengthening and hardening CUC's power distribution system through the replacement of 787 wooden poles with concrete poles. Of the 787 wooden poles to be replaced,

760 pole replacements have already been made by CUC and its contractor.

Because of the scale of work that will be performed, CUC asks travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise

caution when driving through the working area.

For more information, contact the CUC Customer Call Center (664-4282) or monitor our Facebook page for the latest updates (<https://www.facebook.com/CommonwealthUtilitiesCorporation/>). **(PR)**

Guam Guard soldier earns German gold badge

A soldier from the Guam Army National Guard's 1st-294th Infantry Regiment's Delta Company is the first to be awarded the German Armed Forces Badge in Gold at Fort Benning, Georgia.

First Lt. Christopher Duenas, Delta Company executive officer, graduated from the Maneuver Captains' Career Course on Aug. 14 at the U.S. Army's Maneuver Center of Excellence, Fort Benning, Georgia.

The 22-week resident course takes place in a small group setting and includes curricula forces in all types of operations that a company commander may be forced to operate in, from combined arms maneuver to wide area security missions.

Duenas became the first Guam Guard soldier to be awarded the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency in Gold for his

very successful completion of the evaluation from the commanding officer upon recognition of his physical and moral standards.

The purpose of the evaluation is to show evidence that an individual is both physically and morally fit.

Duenas had to successfully pass six tests: (1) First Aid Course; (2) NBC test, which required demonstration of properly donning a protective

mast and all NBC protective clothing; (3) basic fitness test completion in 90 minutes, which included an 11x10-meter sprint test, a flexed arm hand keeping chin above bar for time and a 1,000-meter sprint; (4) marksmanship skills using a German-manufactured light (pistol or MP), a rifle and one heavy weapon (MG or AT-launcher) at varying distances, targets and positions of firing; (5) a 12-kilometer foot march with a 33-pound rucksack and (6) completion of a 100-meter swim in less than four minutes.

Duenas completed the proficiency at the highest level, or Grade III, earning Gold.

The German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency is a decoration of the Bundeswehr, the armed forces of the Federal Republic of Germany. The decoration is awarded to and worn by German service members of all ranks.

Allied service members may also be awarded the

badge, subject to their nations' uniform regulations.


In the U.S. Army, the German Armed Forces Badge for

Military Proficiency is one of several hundred foreign awards approved for wear on the uniform. **(PR)**




First Lt. Christopher Duenas, executive officer, Delta Company, Guam Army National Guard's 1st-294th Infantry Regiment, earned the German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency in Gold recently upon graduation from the 22-week Maneuver Captains Career Course in Fort Benning, Georgia.

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Office of the Secretary of Public Works
 2nd Floor Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW18-IFB-022

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF PARTS FOR JOHN DEERE 410G BACKHOE 4X4 ENGINE SERIAL # T041GX941305 FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for **Supply and Delivery of Parts for John Deere 410G Backhoe 4x4 Engine Serial # T041GX941305 for the Department of Public Works, Saipan** Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **August 29, 2018** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

A **Pre-bid Conference** is not required, however, questions regarding this **IFB** must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **September 21, 2018** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-18-IFB-022"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **9:00 a.m. local time October 01, 2018**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **9:00 a.m. local time, October 01, 2018**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **October 01, 2018** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **October 10, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **9:00 a.m. local time, October 12, 2018**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **9:00 a.m. local time, on October 01, 2018**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$25,000.00**) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government.** A **surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract. Acceptable assets are only:


- Cash
- US Gov't Securities
- Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Sixty (60) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.


All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
 Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-18-030

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PRESTRESSED CONCRETE POWER POLES (FEMA Water System Mitigation Project)

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the Supply and Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles for Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **\$100.00** for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-18-030, Supply & Delivery of Prestressed Concrete Power Poles"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on September 7, 2018**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. All responses to this Invitation for Bids should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the bidder, awarded a contract.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from FEMA and the CUC, Board of Directors.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2018** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address-manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Adrian Reyes, CUC Power Division, Jr. Engineer via email address-adrian.reyes@cucgov.org, Yvonne Cabrera, CUC Water Division, Jr. Engineer via email address-yvonne.cabrera@cucgov.org and Christie Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant via email christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Administrator

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John McCain was an American original

In 2015, Sen. John McCain told an interviewer he had chosen his own epitaph. His gravestone will read: "He served his country."

That is exactly what the Arizona senator did, faithfully and imperfectly, passionately and stubbornly, lovingly and brashly, all his life.

McCain died of brain cancer Saturday at the age of 81.

He was a uniquely American character, most notable for his soldiering, Senate service and two unsuccessful runs for the presidency. His career and sensibilities spanned multiple eras and vast societal changes, and evolved with the times. His humor and irascible unpredictability kept McCain careening over a roller-coaster of popularity across the political spectrum, never more so than in the final chapter, his proper and principled opposition to President Donald Trump. After the president held a joint news conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin last month, McCain said: "No prior president has ever abased himself more abjectly before a tyrant."

As a Navy pilot in the Vietnam War, McCain was shot down and captured. He served 5 1/2 years in a Hanoi prison, tortured brutally. Offered early release in deference to his father and grandfather, both admirals, McCain refused to leave before men imprisoned longer. That is part of his legend. But so is McCain's record at the U.S. Naval Academy. He graduated 894th of 899 students. His behavior as a midshipman, he gleefully admitted, wasn't much better than his grades.

McCain's mistakes were painful. His vote in the House of Representatives in 1983 against a national holiday recognizing the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. haunted him for 25 years, until he admitted it was a terrible error. He was one of the "Keating Five," senators implicated in the savings and loan scandals. The Senate Ethics Committee ruled that while he broke no laws, he showed bad judgment by stepping in with regulators on behalf of campaign contributor Charles Keating, a judgment McCain agreed with. His fight to reform campaign finance laws and stop the kind of bad behavior he had committed showed both growth and a unique humility.

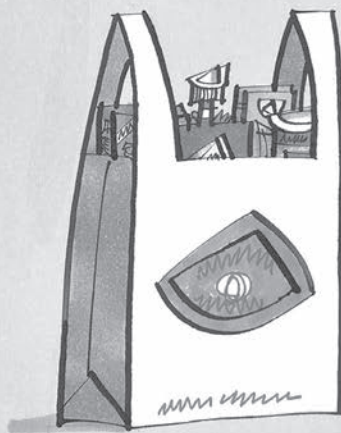
In 2000, McCain took aim at the Republican presidential nomination on a bus called the "Straight Talk Express," electrifying the nation, and his loss to establishment favorite George W. Bush seemed only to cement popular affection for him. But in 2008, as the GOP nominee, he could not stop the juggernaut of Barack Obama's campaign. His selection of running mate Sarah Palin was a ghastly error, yet McCain never criticized her. In addition, his willingness to stand against his own supporters when they derided Obama, vouching for his opponent's quality of character and love of country, was noble.

To the end, McCain infuriated both Republicans and Democrats. He rightly killed the repeal of the Affordable Care Act in 2017 mostly because he felt the process lacked proper debate and parliamentary procedure, infuriating the GOP. But he delighted Republicans when he wrongly supported a massive tax overhaul process with similar flaws.

John McCain served his country and his ideals as best he could, for as long as he could. He picked his epitaph, and he earned it.

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Can community colleges deliver on diplomas?

California's politicians and educators are getting serious about how to solve an immense and vexing problem—the graduation rate at community colleges.

Until now, nothing has worked—indeed, the graduation rate slipped 1 percent over the last decade. Shockingly, research shows that 70 percent of California's 2.1 million community college students neither earn a two-year associate degree nor transfer to a four-year school in six years.

Historically, funding for the state's 114 community colleges was based on enrollment. But starting this fall, 40 percent of the state dollars a college receives will depend on whether the institution improves student outcomes and how well it serves poor students. This threat of what would amount to a massive budget cut for schools that make little progress will oblige every community college to make students' success a top priority.

But how exactly are the colleges going to change their ways?

The state is putting muscle—which is to say money—behind evidence-based strategies to boost graduation rates. And its choices are good ones: The plans attack three of the biggest barriers between students and a diploma.

Creating momentum.

Data show that the graduation rate for full-time students is at least a third higher than for those who attend part time. Full-timers have a better shot at graduating than part-timers even if they maintain this pace for only a single semester or fail a class. They're less liable to be derailed by a family crisis or financial misfortune and more prone to spend time on campus, where they can get tutoring and counseling, as well as making a more lasting connection with their professors and classmates.

To persuade more students to go to school full time, California will help them financially. Students eligible for needs-based federal or state financial aid and who take a 15-credit course load each semester will receive a \$4,000 grant a year, an expansion of an earlier, under-publicized \$2,500 award. To earn that much money at a minimum-wage job, a student would have to work nearly 400 hours, which is one reason school gets back-burnered. These full-time students also won't pay tuition for their first year of school.

Fixing remedial education.

Based on a test that's administered at the start of their freshman year, 80 percent of community college students are consigned to remedial math or English. Fewer than half will pass the math course; 60 percent will pass in English. Frustrated, many drop out before they get a crack at classes that lead to a degree.

This problem is especially acute for minority students. Here's a hair-on-fire fact—just 1 percent of African American students and 2 percent of Latino students relegated to the lowest level of

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remedial math in 2014 passed an entry-level college math class needed for graduation two years later.

With a bill that passed last year, the state is forcing colleges to junk most of these dead-end courses. Instead, except for the weakest freshmen, students must be enrolled in college-credit classes, with access to tutoring or other help, as needed.

Providing a road map to graduation.

Many community college students are clueless about what courses they need to graduate. With no one at the college to direct them—a typical counselor has the impossible burden of advising 1,500 students—they drift. Discouraged by the lack of progress, they leave. The 2017-18 state budget included \$150 million for an initiative called Guided Pathways that enables the colleges to create online road maps that inform students about which classes they need to graduate and how to sequence them so that prerequisites don't hinder their progress.

These maps will also be designed to mesh with the expectations of four-year institutions. The state universities and the UC system campuses have agreed to guarantee slots for community college graduates who have done the course work and gotten the grades that meet their academic requirements for juniors. Three dozen private colleges and universities recently made the same pledge. (Stanford and USC were among the notable exceptions.)

A year ago, Eloy Ortiz Oakley, chancellor of the state's community colleges, pushed the Board of Governors to approve new goals for the system: a 20 percent increase in community college graduates and a 35 percent increase in transfers to the state universities over the next four years. If the community colleges "can't organize ourselves in a way that catches up with the demand" for graduates, Ortiz Oakley said, "we are going to make ourselves irrelevant."

Tying community college funding to graduation and transfer rates, and at the same time giving the schools the tools needed to get students across the finish line, should make progress toward the chancellor's goal. If the state's latest carrot-and-stick approach works, we will have stanch a California brain drain.

Chinatsaga Giya Paraisu

Bes enkuando, hu ekuñgug sentimentun tautau-ta siha gi señgsoñg pot haf mas umestototba ha anen niha gi halum rimulinun chinatsaga guine.

Ya hululu i tagpapa suetdu ni megai man-sinasapet diariu. Kase 15-mit na empleau man-gaige guine na kategoria gi halum 26-mit na hutnaleru.

Gi halum este na mattiru ni unu sopl ginen obligasion familia tat kumu apas guma, kareta, neñkanu, utilidat, difirientes insurans (insurance), yan nesessidat famaguon siha ni man-eskuekuela. Man-suette i man-kualifikau ayudun programan federat tat kumu neñkanu, hinemlu, fanliheñg, yan otru siha ayudu.

Mina ti gof anog pinadesin tautau-ta siha lamayot patte pot kutturan ina ayuda yan yine ase. Ti man-maliñgu hit kumu klaru konsensiata na ta ekstendi kanaita gi prohimita ni numesessita ayudu. Gaige guine na ridondun kuttura i espiritu yan sustansian tautau-ta siha.

I kustumbren tanu kumatsu fitme establisau na kutturan relihion. Metgut i sensian respetu entalu unu yan tod. Tinatiye este nu i sinsiyu yan geftau na sensian ayudu gi chatsaga na prohimita. Bien prubechu para todus!

Materiat: Animu grupun Chamorro siha man-manrikokohe materiat pot estorian natibu. Ni taimanu pula ta ni kutturata mau udai este gi liñguahi-ta. Estague umesgaihon halum gi

apusientu modun linala ta haf espiritun yan sustansian natibu.

Huñgan, ti megai man-matugi pot fina pus natibu. Lau lamayot patte ma udai este gi hilu kutturan kuentus yan inadiñgan (orature). Enfin, sige mona mas ma-umenta tinigi gi katkuet asuntu pot natibu. Na magof na pinetsige gi anaku na karera.

Haf i gaige libianu ta adelanta parehu ha gi bandan sustansian materiat yan modun matugi este siha na attikulu. Mababa i petta para tana daña hinassota yan kinemprende-ta haf espiritun yan sustansian natibu.

Hu usuni mañgge guine na pahina deste 40-tantus años malofan pot kinimitin para bai eyag tumugi papa liñguahi-hu gi klaru na ekspressiu. Olara mohon ya gai setbi haf pinegahu para i manatatte. Mas mauleg yangin hamyu mismu in petsigi man-mañgge pot para ta abiba tatte i solu sahyan kuttura yan tradision natibu—liñguahi-ta.

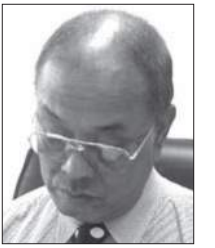
Chenot: Tres klasen chenot sessu umaminasa tautau-ta: daibitis, kanset, yan korason. Gi halum este na rimulinu, mauleg ta soyu inestudia haf simiyan este siha na aminasu yan manera nai siña ta satban maisa hit.

Oppan na i asukat i primera dañosu na attikulu para mames haga. Dinanche! Lau mauleg ta komprende na ti ayu ha asukat i gaige gi botsiyu ni tafafahan gi tenda.

Todu neñkanu ni gai asientu tat kumu hinegsa, pan, yan pas-

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tre, mangai asukat. I asientu guiya i asukat! Este i tres maschadig asukat niha halum gi haga ta.

I aggun haya tat kumu kamuti, mendioka, suni, choda, dagu yan nika mangai asientu lau mas mauleg na alimentu para hita.

I nos kuantus klasen kanset tat kumu pachot, agaga, guetgueru esta i gofes kase gaige i aminasu gi usun chupa, mama yan chupan dibana. Mientras guaha tiempu mauleg una para pa gu pot para u birague tatte sistemamu gi hagas homlu na estau.

Chenot korason mafattu ginen boka manadan mantika yan asiga ni hinegsi taya eksisiun tatautau. Piot ya sessu un tala hau gi menan TV dispues de bumoka hau. Un ratutu ha rumidondu sinturamu, un klasen mantika na sumen makat mana suha.

Mauleg yangin tod pinetsige kontodu boka malimitti gi hafa otdinariu. Muñga malatgaye famaguon fina mames. Soy u na u fan eksisiu diariu pot hinemlu niha. Mas mauleg yangin hagu ni saina gumeluye este na patte gi ha anen niha.

Machamat: Hu huñgug na bibu usun amot machamat gi heg-su i Deni. Guaha man-ma-inkakatga ginen Filipinas, Palau, Chuuk yan Pohnpei. Amot ni ma-intended para unina abarambau kareran i kontrariu.

An taiguenau pues ti maput mafatinas amot binenu na machamat ni mana daña yan lañan niyug. Chuli e ginen hanum aplacha giya Agiñgan ya un meskla. Adahe hau mientras un lulupug sahguan-mu na un nina ye bakterian hanum ni mas apalacha guine. Kontodu bakteria man-hinalañg.

Lau gai amoty u lokue nai siña bai esphihan ñaihon kumesoda haye manman-u usa amot machamat. Bai liliku gi heg-su i Deni rumikonose manu nai gaige este siha na aplacha laidot.

Siempre esta titiñgtiñg halum karetahu an guaha gi oriya machamat. Ti maput masoda este na traision. Dispues mas ti maput i para un usa mismu amotña kontra guiya mismu! Laminos!

Lau haf mohon na para u fattu papa gi taiguine? Kau tai inañgog-hu hau nu hagu mismu na debi un usa tailaye na laidot para un kontentu? Kau un riniskata ni mismu amotmu gi utimu suspurus? Tat mas ke che chu tunas!



Let the military help in climate fight

By MARILYN SNELL
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As most Californians know, our state has been America's leader on climate change policy for more than 15 years.

We adopted what was the most ambitious standard in the country in 2002, requiring utilities to increase the share of power they get from renewable sources to 20 percent by 2017. State lawmakers have since upped that mandate to 50 percent by 2030. If the state Assembly passes SB 100 this month, we will set our boldest target yet, requiring utilities to get 100 percent of their power from renewable or zero-carbon sources by 2045.

But for all our standard-setting, California has also kneecapped a formidable ally in the march toward green energy: the United States military.

Yes, you read that correctly. The armed forces have become strong proponents of renewable energy over the last decade. Military installations in Southern California have been some of the quickest adopters.

And yet, California placed a restriction on the amount of renewable energy that military bases in the state can generate. The cap wasn't included in any of the state's energy bills. Instead, it was tucked into SB 83, a voluminous budget "trailer bill" passed in 2015. Toward the end of the omnibus bill, after provisions on everything from soccer fields to the Tijuana River, it states that the sum total of renewable energy produced by a single military base in California cannot exceed 12 megawatts. It also denies the military any remuneration for the renewable energy it exports to the grid.

Now California has moved to lift the cap, once again by slipping important energy law into a trailer bill. SB 854, passed in June of this year, directs the state's Public Utilities Commission to work on removing the cap, but through a bureaucratic process

that could take years to complete. It also restricts each base's power generation to that which it can use directly.

That's not good enough. These caps profoundly limit the degree to which the military can participate in California's green-energy revolution.

To appreciate how much, consider this. According to the Department of Defense, just seven military bases in Southern California could collectively generate 7,000 megawatts of solar power. That's more power than is currently produced by all the residential solar panels in California put together.

Limiting or slowing the military's output of renewable energy in California makes no sense. It clearly works against Gov. Jerry Brown's clean-energy goals.

It also works against the goals of the Defense Department. Although it may sound incongruous, the military has been pushing to develop and deploy renewable energy for the better part of a decade. The reason is simple: It understands that national security and energy security are entwined.

The connection between security and energy was laid bare during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, where fuel supply lines consistently proved a significant vulnerability. Weeks before the invasion of Baghdad, General James Mattis called on the Department of Defense to "unleash us from the tether of fuel."

In 2007, President George W. Bush signed a federal law that committed the Defense Department to "procure or produce" no less than 25 percent of the energy needed to run domestic military bases from renewable sources by 2025.

In 2012, the Pentagon made one of the largest commitments to green energy in history, pledging to develop the capacity to generate three gigawatts of renewable energy by 2025. Between 2011 and 2015, the armed forces nearly doubled their renewable power generation.

Military bases in Southern California have been particularly

aggressive about developing renewable energy, especially after the blackout of 2011, which demonstrated the hazards of being dependent on a vulnerable power grid.

I was reporting on the environmental stewardship of Southern California's bases when I discovered that their efforts were being hobbled.

On base after base, generals and other military leaders would refer to the mysterious restriction. "It's a California thing," one of them told me.

California's 32 military bases are poised to give the state a massive push toward energy independence. All restrictions on their efforts need to be removed. And the state Legislature needs to stop using trailer bills to enact complex energy policy that should be debated openly.

If the state's military bases were allowed to develop their full potential to produce green energy, they would be significantly more secure. Half of the 3,500 U.S. military installations around the world are vulnerable to the effects of climate change, and this includes bases in California.

California's military bases would also be better able to help the state respond to emergencies of all kinds. And to a degree that the utilities may find threatening, they could rapidly accelerate California's ability to achieve the ambitious targets proposed in SB 100.

Al Gore and the Climate Reality Project will be in Los Angeles to hold the largest-ever training conference for climate activists. A couple weeks after that, Gov. Brown will host the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco.

I would like to propose an agenda item for these gatherings. The Department of Defense recently said it wants to double down on renewable energy. Why is California holding it back?

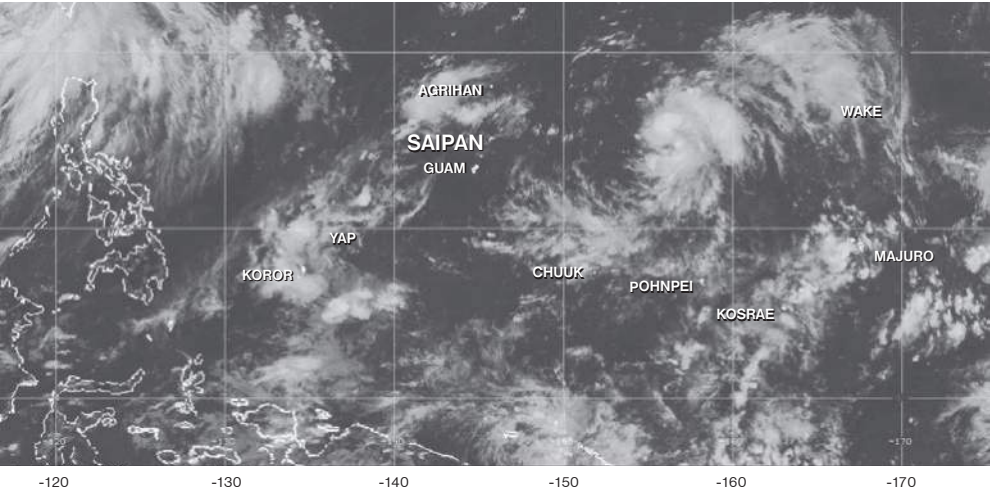
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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼77°	▲89° ▼77°	▲89° ▼77°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 8:11 AM, TUESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2018
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Mainly dry weather is expected to prevail through Thursday. However, with fairly light winds today and even lighter winds on Wednesday, there could be afternoon island showers and thunderstorms once again. Satellite imagery is already showing some thunder mainly to the northwest of the area, associated with an upper trough. So have added isolated afternoon thunderstorms to the forecast both today and tomorrow. It also looks as if there could be a bit more moisture at the mid-levels on Wednesday. Otherwise, what is currently Tropical Depression 25W is forecast to move on a general northwest or west-northwest course and strengthen and it will likely become typhoon at some point later tin the week as it approached the far northern Marianas. Cloud cover will increase over the region by Friday, but the main question is if we will need to increase shower chances and for where and when...perhaps only for Tinian and Saipan...perhaps everywhere. Still have a day or so to determine when those will most likely occur.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	86° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorm	83° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	85° / 75°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	85° / 76°	
Majuro	Thunderstorm	85° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	61° / 48°	
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	88° / 70°	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorm	84° / 81°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	87° / 76°	
London	Partly Cloudy	70° / 54°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	82° / 66°	
Manila	Partly Cloudy	90° / 77°	
Melbourne	Showers	55° / 48°	
Miami	Thunderstorm	88° / 81°	
New York	Partly Cloudy	91° / 79°	
Osaka	Thunderstorm	90° / 79°	
Paris	Thunderstorm	72° / 55°	
Busan	Thunderstorm	84° / 79°	
Rome	Sunny	88° / 64°	
Salem	Thunderstorm	88° / 71°	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	64° / 57°	
Seoul	Thunderstorm	82° / 72°	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	91° / 77°	
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	95° / 77°	

NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
3:33 AM	LOW TIDE	0.73	
8:58 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.82	
3:39 PM	LOW TIDE	0.20	
9:53 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.87	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:04 AM	6:31 PM
Thursday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM
Friday	6:04 AM	6:30 PM
Saturday	6:04 AM	6:29 PM
Sunday	6:04 AM	6:28 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	8:02 AM	8:29 PM
Thursday	-	8:51 AM	9:08 PM
Friday	-	9:42 AM	9:49 PM
Saturday	-	10:34 AM	10:33 PM
Sunday	-	11:28 AM	11:20 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 6, 2018

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA117	8:45am	9:30am	Daily	UA117	7:00am	7:45am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:00am	6:05am	Daily	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	7:45pm	1:00am+1	Daily
LJ652	3:40am	7:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	LJ651	9:10pm	2:40am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:40am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (HGH)				HANGZHOU (HGH)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:30am	12:00pm	1	JD395	8:25am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	10:00pm	4	JD395	9:55pm	5:00am+1	7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:55am	1 via ICN	UA182/6395	12:40am	8:05am	3, 6 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:55am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	8:10am	7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:20am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:40pm	2, 5 via GUM	UA192/6395	10:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6398/183	6:05pm	9:50pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6398/193	6:05pm	11:50pm	2, 5 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	1:50am	5:15am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:15pm	12:15am+1	3, 7
U043	5:45am	8:40am	1, 3, 5, 7	U042	6:50pm	1:45am+1	7
UA6398/159	6:05pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM	U042	9:30pm	4:25am+1	2, 4, 6
				UA116/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, JD Beijing Capital, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.			
SAIPAN TO ROTA			
1204	10:00AM	10:15AM	Daily
1205	11:00AM	11:15AM	Daily
1206	12:00PM	12:15PM	Daily
1207	1:00PM	1:15PM	Daily
1208	2:00PM	2:15PM	Daily
1209	3:00PM	3:15PM	Daily
1210	4:00PM	4:15PM	Daily
1211	5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
1212	6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3101	8:15AM	8:45AM	Daily
3102	1:45PM	2:15PM	Daily
3103	4:45PM	5:15PM	Daily
ROTA TO GUAM			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
3401	12:15PM	12:45PM	Daily
GUAM TO ROTA			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
4301	1:00PM	1:30PM	Daily
SAIPAN TO TINIAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
1201	7:00AM	7:15AM	Daily
1202	8:00AM	8:15AM	Daily
1203	9:00AM	9:15AM	Daily
TINIAN TO SAIPAN			
FLIGHT #	DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
2102	7:30AM	7:45AM	Daily
2103	8:30AM	8:45AM	Daily
2104	9:30AM	9:45AM	Daily
2105	10:30AM	10:45AM	Daily
2106	11:30AM	11:45AM	Daily
2107	12:30PM	12:45PM	Daily
2108	1:30PM	1:45PM	Daily
2109	2:30PM	2:45PM	Daily
2110	3:30PM	3:45PM	Daily
2111	4:30PM	4:45PM	Daily
2112	5:30PM	5:45PM	Daily
2113	6:30PM	6:45PM	Daily

NMI flags flown at half-staff in honor of McCain

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, in his capacity yesterday as acting governor, directed that all American and CNMI flags be lowered to half-staff in honor of the life and service of Sen. John Sidney McCain III, who passed away on Aug. 25.

In a proclamation Hocog signed yesterday, it said, “As a mark of respect for the memory and longstanding service of Sen. John Sidney McCain III, President Donald J. Trump has hereby ordered that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff at the White House and upon all public buildings and grounds, at all military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels of the federal government in the District of Columbia and throughout the United States and its territories and possessions until sunset, on the day of interment.

“The President has also directed that the flag shall be flown at half-staff for the same length of time at all United States embassies, legations, consular offices, and other facilities abroad, including all military facilities and naval vessels and stations.

“By the authority vested in me as acting governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, I also direct that the flag of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands shall be flown at half-staff during this time.” (PR)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BECQ cleanup set

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality Cleanup Brigade will be deviating from its first Saturday of the month in order to coincide with the 2018 International Coastal Cleanup scheduled for Sept. 15, 2018.

If you would like to volunteer, access the forms from: <https://goo.gl/forms/3pPLJbmgtgTfUQ2>. Select a site, register and you will be contacted.

For more information about volunteering, contact Mallory Muna or Colleen Flores at the BECQ office at 664-8500/1. (BECQ)

Public invited to join community choir

All members and friends of The Friends of the Arts are invited to join the Saipan Community Choir. No audition required. Adults and students are welcome. A FOA holiday concert is scheduled for December and other events will occur before and after.

The Choir started on Aug. 23 and will practice every Thursday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Saipan Southern High School Band Room. If you couldn’t make the start date, no problem. Just come and join in.

The choir will be directed by Katie Hoyt, FOA board

secretary, who received her BA in Music from Dixie State University where she studied voice, sang in and accompanied the choirs, and was a rehearsal pianist for the school’s performance of *The Gondoliers* by Gilbert and Sullivan. Hoyt was also the musical director for the recent FOA production of *Into the Woods*. (PR)

Chamber backs Education Summit

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce said it is pleased to support the 2018 Education Summit. Representatives of the Northern Marianas College, the CNMI Public School System, the Northern Marianas Trades Institute, the Department of Labor, Department of Commerce, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, the CNMI Scholarship Office, and other agencies are collaborating to organize the 2018 Education Summit that will be held Sept. 6-8, at the Saipan World Resort. (PR)

Free mental health first-aid training

The Council on Developmental Disabilities and Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, in collaboration with the Systems of Care Program, are offering the Mental Health First Aid Training for Em-

ployers on Sept. 6, from 7:30am to 4:30pm at the Pacific Islands Club.

Employers are encouraged to take part in this training. According to mentalhealthfirstaid.org, “mental health first aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders in your community.”

Training will start promptly at 7:30am.

Participants must be present for the entire duration of the training, which is eight hours, ending at 4:30pm.

Seating is limited, so register as soon as possible.

If you are interested in attending this training as you believe it will benefit your department, agency, organization, business, or company, contact Arlene Kay Miyagata, director, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation at (670) 322-6537/8; TTY: (670) 322-6449; fax: (670) 322-6548; or email ayamagata@ovrgov.net; nmi-dir@ovrgov.net. (PR)

Reminder to all CNMI employers

All employers in the Commonwealth are being reminded of the deadline to report a list of your current employees to the Office of the Attorney General.

The Office of the Attorney

General gave notice yesterday about the establishment of the state directory of new hires and the 90-day deadline for the Child Support Enforcement Office is fast approaching. That deadline is Sept. 12, 2018.



As a reminder, all employers must report within 20 days to the Office of the Attorney General, Child Support Enforcement Office, whenever an employer hires or re-hires an employee, regardless of whether or not said employee has a child support case.

In addition, employers are required to report monthly, no later than the 10th day of each month, when an employee resigns, terminates, or no longer works for an employer.

For more information on what needs to be reported and methods of reporting, visit our website at www.cnmioag.org or call 237-7500. (OAG)

Free health outreach

The Good Hands Ministry will be holding a free health check-up on Sept. 2, 2018, Sunday, from 2pm to 6pm, at the Garapan Basketball Court. There will be blood sugar check, body massage, facial cleansing, free haircut, free reading eyeglass (first 50 people), and free giveaways (bag of toiletries for the first 100 people). There will be snacks and refreshments. (PR)



PUBLIC NOTICE

15th CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, August 29, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.
Board of Education Conference Room, Building 1241
Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950

AGENDA¹

I. Preliminary

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. August 8, 2018 Special Board Meeting

II. Public Comments²

III. Reports

1. Chair
2. Board Committees
 - a. FPA
 - b. SARC
3. Commissioner of Education
 - a. Financial Status Reports
 - i. Federal
 - ii. Local
 - b. Head Start Program
 - c. Others

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business

1. Head Start Supplemental Grant One Time Improvement Fund
2. Collateral Equipment Proposal, USDA Rural Development Program
3. Nutrition Assistance Program Grant Application (School Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks)
4. Grants to School Emergency Management Grant Application (GSEM)
5. Certification & Licensure Office
 - a. CLO Report No. 2018-009

VI. Ratification of Written Comments to Proposed Legislation

1. H.B. 20-174 Board of Education Committee Meeting Compensation
2. H.B. 20-178 SD4 To Regulate Cannabis in the Commonwealth

VII. Executive Session³

1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel/Certification
3. Other matters


VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

IX. Adjournment

¹ In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.

² Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

³ Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



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Pursuant to P.L. 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) are hereby giving notice that it will hold its regular monthly board meeting on **Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 8 am** on Saipan. The meeting will be held at the CHCC Conference Room #2, Lower Navy Hill.

AGENDA

I. Meeting Call to Order

II. Determination of Quorum

III. Review and Adoption of Agenda

IV. Review and Adoption of Minutes (07/19/18)

V. Public Comments

VI. Chairperson’s Report

- A. Term Expiration of Board Members Ted Parker and Dr. Tiffany Willis
- B. Executive Director’s contract expiring on September 30, 2018

VII. Director’s Report

- A. HCPLB Official Seal and Physician Assistant Special Provision: Prescription Privilege
- B. Update on all Pending Cases

VIII. Investigator’s Report

IX. Communications from the Governor’s Office & Legislature

- A. Governor’s Office
- B. Legislature

X. Old Business

- Associate Counselor Issue

XI. New Business

XII. Pending Applications for Board’s Review

- A. New Applications
- B. Renewal Applications

XIII. Miscellaneous Business

XIV. Executive Session: The Board may vote to meet in executive session to consult with Counsel on pending or anticipated legal matters.

- Case No. 18-06

XV. Announcements

- A. Next Meeting Date
- B. Adjournment of Meeting

/s/ Theodore R. Parker, R.Ph., MPH
Chairman

COMMONWEALTH LOTTERY COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Special Meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 29th, 2018 in the conference room at the Juan Sablan Memorial Building on Capitol Hill, Saipan. The public is invited to attend.

The following is the proposed agenda:

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum

III. Public Comment

IV. Adoption of Agenda

V. Adoption of Minutes

VI. New Business

- A. Amendments to Casino License Agreement
 1. Live Training Facility
 2. To allow to operate less than 4-5 Star Facility
 3. To allow to open Phase Development in Stages

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission by telephone through the Office of the Finance Secretary at 664-1100.

2018 State of the Commonwealth Address

PHOTOS By JON PEREZ



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, center, and first lady Diann Torres join Department of Public Safety personnel led by Commissioner Robert Guerrero after last Friday's State of the Commonwealth Address at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.



TanHoldings Corp. president Jerry Tan was among the business leaders that attended Friday's State of the Commonwealth Address at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.



The CNMI Color Guard before the entrance of colors at last Friday's State of the Commonwealth Address at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.



Reps. Alice S. Igitol, Angel A. Demapan, and vice speaker Janet U. Maratita join DPS officers at Friday's State of the Commonwealth Address at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

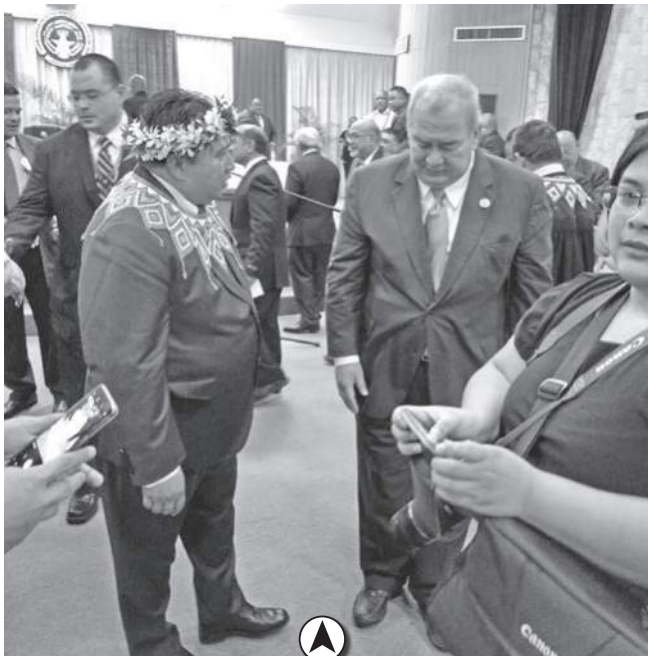
Philippine honorary consul to the CNMI Eli Arago listens to the State of the Commonwealth Address of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres last Friday at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.



Shane Villanueva was cited by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres as one of the local businesspersons who also help the CNMI economy during last Friday's State of the Commonwealth Address at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.



Members of the CNMI Judiciary listen to the governor's speech during last Friday's State of the Commonwealth Address at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, left, and Delegate Gregorio Killi C. Sablan (Ind-MP) during Friday's State of the Commonwealth Address at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog pose with members of the 20th CNMI Legislature after Friday's State of the Commonwealth Address at the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.



Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, right, talks with CNMI Joint Region Marianas Coordination Office director Randy Sablan, left, and Capt. Hans Sholley, the chief of staff of CJRM Commander Rear Adm. Shoshana Chatfield.



Business

China defends 'New Silk Road' against debt complaints

BEIJING (AP)—Chinese officials on Monday defended Beijing's initiative to build a "New Silk Road" of railways and other infrastructure across Asia against complaints it leaves host countries with too much debt after Malaysia canceled two high-profile projects.

The officials said President Xi Jinping's signature foreign policy initiative is creating assets that are needed by developing countries but might take time to pay off.

The deputy chairman of the Cabinet planning agency, Ning Jizhe, rejected what he said were foreign news reports that blamed the initiative for debt problems.

"People's livelihoods and economic development have been boosted," Ning said at a news conference. "No 'debt trap' has been created."

Other governments welcomed Xi's initiative in 2013 in a region the Asian Development Bank says needs more

than \$26 trillion of infrastructure investment by 2030 to keep economies growing.

The initiative, called "One Belt, One Road" in Chinese and the "Belt and Road Initiative" in English, is a business venture, not aid. Chinese officials say financing is on commercial terms. Beijing wants to attract non-Chinese investors but that has happened only on a few of the hundreds of railway, power plant, highway and other projects.

Some governments including the United States, Japan and India worry Beijing is trying to build a China-centered structure that will erode their influence.

Some Chinese-led projects have run into complaints that they are too costly and give too little work to local contractors. Some governments including Thailand, Tanzania, Sri Lanka and Nepal have scrapped, scaled back or renegotiated projects.

This month, Malaysian

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad canceled projects including a \$20 billion railway he said his country cannot afford. Last December, Sri Lanka sold control of its port of Hambantota to a Chinese state-owned company after falling behind in repaying \$1.5 billion in loans from Beijing.

Chinese authorities choose projects "very carefully" and

examine host country finances to make sure they can repay loans, said a deputy commerce minister, Qian Keming. However, he said they would welcome the participation of developed countries and international organizations to improve transparency and guarantee "high quality" projects.

"These physical facilities will play a long-term role,"

said Qian. "But we don't necessarily see a return in the short run."

A deputy foreign minister, Zhang Jun, said "Belt and Road" officials were preparing to appoint an advisory board of former political leaders, academics and experts. He said an "international commercial expert committee" was appointed this week to

give legal advice.

"Belt and Road" is a loosely defined umbrella for Chinese-built or financed projects across 65 countries from the South Pacific through Asia to Africa and Europe. They range from oil drilling in Siberia to construction of ports in Southeast Asia, railways in Eastern Europe and power plants in the Middle East.

Preliminary US-Mexico trade deal leaves trail of uncertainty

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump's declaration of victory Monday in reaching a preliminary deal with Mexico to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement raised at least as many questions as it answered.

Can Canada, the third member country in NAFTA and America's No. 2 trading partner, be coaxed or coerced into a new pact?

If not, is it even legal — or politically feasible — for Trump to reach a replacement trade deal with Mexico alone?

And will the changes being negotiated to the 24-year-old NAFTA threaten the operations of American and foreign companies that have built sophisticated supply chains that span the three countries?

"There are still a lot of questions left to be answered," said Peter MacKay, a former Canadian minister of justice, defense and foreign affairs who is now a partner at the law firm Baker McKenzie.

Trump was quick to proclaim the agreement a triumph, pointing to Monday's surge in

the stock market, which was fueled in part by the apparent breakthrough with Mexico.

"We just signed a trade agreement with Mexico, and it's a terrific agreement for everybody," the president declared. "It's an agreement that a lot of people said couldn't be done."

Trump suggested that he might leave Canada out of a new agreement. He said he wanted to call the revamped trade pact "the United States-Mexico Trade Agreement" because, in his view, NAFTA has earned a reputation for being harmful to American workers.

But first, he said, he would give Canada a chance to get back in — "if they'd like to negotiate fairly." To intensify the pressure on Ottawa to agree to his terms, the president threatened to impose new taxes on Canadian auto imports.

Talking to reporters, the top White House economic adviser, Larry Kudlow, urged Canada to "come to the table."

"Let's make a great deal like we just made with Mexico," Kudlow said. "If not, the USA may have to take action."



A man walks by a government propaganda billboard promoting Chinese President Xi Jinping's signature "One Belt One Road" outside a subway station in Beijing, Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018.

Plans on making untraceable 3D guns can't be posted online

A U.S. judge in Seattle blocked the Trump administration Monday from allowing a Texas company to post online plans for making untraceable 3D guns, agreeing with 19 states and the District of Columbia that such access to the plastic guns would pose a security risk.

The states sued to stop an agreement that the government had reached with Austin, Texas-based Defense Distributed, saying guidelines on how to print undetectable plastic guns could be acquired by felons or terrorists.

U.S. District Judge Robert Lasnik extended a temporary restraining order, and his new decision will last until the case is resolved. He said Cody Wilson, owner of Defense Distributed,

wanted to post the plans online so that citizens can arm themselves without having to deal with licenses, serial numbers and registrations.

Wilson has said that "governments should live in fear of their citizenry."

"It is the untraceable and undetectable nature of these small firearms that poses a unique danger," Lasnik said. "Promising to detect the undetectable while at the same time removing a significant regulatory hurdle to the proliferation of these weapons—both domestically and internationally—rings hollow and in no way ameliorates, much less avoids, the harms that are likely to befall the states if an injunction is not issued."

The State Department had reached the settlement with the company after the agency removed the 3D gun-making plans from a list of weapons or technical data that cannot be exported overseas.

The states argued that the federal agency didn't follow the law when it removed 3D guns from the munitions list. They said the government was supposed to notify Congress and provide a 30-day window before making a change to that list, but it did not.

Lasnik criticized the government for switching its position on the threat posed by the 3D gun-making plans.

Up until April, the government argued the distribution of the guidelines "posed a threat

to world peace and the security and foreign policy of the United States," the judge said.

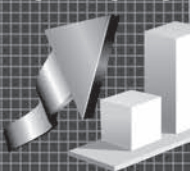
Despite those fears, the government decided that it only needed to restrict the international availability of firearms up to .50 caliber. That's when they reached a settlement with the 3D gun company.

There was no indication the government evaluated the unique characteristics of the plastic guns when it considered deleting that category of weapons from the prohibited list, the judge said.

"Nor is there any reasoned explanation for its change in position," Lasnik said.

The federal government declined to comment on the judge's ruling.

STOCK PORTFOLIO



LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
26,049.64	2,896.74	8,017.90
+259.29	+22.05	+71.92
+1.01%	+0.77%	+0.91%

EXCHANGE RATES

Australian Dollar	1.37	Indian Rupee	70.17	Singapore Dollar	1.36
British Pound	0.777	Japanese Yen	111.22	South Korean Won	1109.59
Canadian Dollar	1.30	Malaysian Ringgit	4.10	Swiss Franc	0.98
Chinese Yuan	6.81	New Zealand Dollar	1.50	Taiwan Dollar	30.71
Euro	0.8563	Philippine Peso	53.34	Thailand Baht	32.56

Nation

Shooting suspect was twice hospitalized for mental illness

BALTIMORE (AP)—The suspect in a deadly shooting at a Florida video game tournament had previously been hospitalized for mental illness, according to court records in his home state of Maryland reviewed by The Associated Press.

Divorce filings from the parents of 24-year-old David Katz of Baltimore say that as an adolescent he was twice hospitalized in psychiatric facilities and was prescribed antipsychotic and antidepressant medications.

The records show Katz's parents disagreed on how to care for their troubled son, with his father claiming his estranged wife was exaggerating symptoms of mental illness as part of their long and bitter custody battle. The couple divorced in 2007.

Katz opened fire Sunday at a gaming bar inside a collection of restaurants and shops in Jacksonville. He killed two people and wounded 10 others before fatally shooting himself during the "Madden NFL 19"

tournament, authorities said.

Jacksonville Sheriff Mike Williams has declined to comment on the gunman's motive.

The suspect's father, Richard Katz of Baltimore, and his mother, Elizabeth Katz of Columbia, Maryland, did not respond to phone messages Sunday or Monday. Efforts by the AP to reach them at their homes were also unsuccessful.

The Howard County, Maryland, divorce filings say that David Katz played video games obsessively as a young

adolescent, often refusing to go to school or to bathe. Elizabeth Katz, a toxicologist at the Department of Agriculture, said she confiscated some of her son's gaming equipment after finding him playing in the wee hours.

"His hair would very often go unwashed for days. When I took his gaming equipment controllers away so he couldn't play at 3 or 4 in the morning, I'd get up and find that he was just walking around the house in circles,"

the mother said, according to a transcript in the court files.

At one point, she put his gaming controllers in her bedroom behind a locked door and he punched a hole in the door, she said.

Elizabeth Katz said her youngest son had increasing difficulty concentrating following his parents' split. A judge awarded custody of the boy to his mother, with visitation rights to the father.

At times David "curled up into a ball," refused to attend school and sobbed, she said. She asserted that her ex-husband instructed David not to take Risperidal — an anti-psy-



Source: AP
Graphic: TNS

chotic medication prescribed to him. The father claimed in court filings that David was not "diagnosed as psychotic."



AP

Jacksonville police officers guard an area Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, near the scene of a fatal shooting at The Jacksonville Landing on Sunday in Jacksonville, Fla.

After criticism, Trump honors McCain's service to country

WASHINGTON (AP)—Glowing in public and near-silent for two days, President Donald Trump relented under pressure by tersely recognizing Sen. John McCain's "service to our country" and re-lowering the White House flag.

While much of the nation remembered McCain's record as a war hero, longtime senator and presidential nominee over the weekend, Trump had nursed his grievances. McCain had been an infuriating foil in a long-running feud over style and policy that did not end with the senator's illness and death.

Trump's reluctance to participate in the national remembrance was awkward and uncomfortable, even by the standards of a leader who acknowledges he doesn't act like a typical president. The episode highlighted the outsider president's impulse to harbor personal resentments regard-

less of political repercussions.

Before Trump's Monday afternoon statement, his only commentary on McCain's death had been a perfunctory tweet Saturday. The lack of a formal statement — combined with the fact that White House flags were flown at half-staff only briefly — drew strong criticism from Republicans and veterans' groups as well as Democrats.

When he finally did comment, in a printed statement, Trump was sparing with his praise for the six-term senator: "Despite our differences on policy and politics, I respect Senator John McCain's service to our country."

Later, at an evening dinner honoring evangelical leaders, he said "our hearts and prayers" are going to the family "and we very much appreciate everything that Senator McCain has done for our country."

Earlier in the day, a stone-faced Trump sat mute as reporters at several photo sessions invited him to comment on McCain. As he was peppered with questions about McCain's legacy, the usually talkative president made no response.

Publicly, Trump has frequently railed against McCain's dramatic thumbs-down vote against the president's efforts to repeal President Barack Obama's health care law. Privately, he has groused about such slights as his belief that McCain did not appreciate his endorsement in the senator's 2016 re-election bid. McCain, for his part, recently slammed Trump's Helsinki meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin as "one of the most disgraceful performances by an American president in memory."

Against that backdrop, the flag above the White House

spoke volumes.

The Stars and Stripes were briefly lowered to half-staff over the weekend, then went back up to full height Monday while flags at the U.S. Capitol and elsewhere stayed at half-staff. Shortly before Trump issued his written statement, the flag was lowered again to half-staff.

That was after complaints had risen all day from both right and left, and then from a group the president assuredly does not want to offend.

"On the behalf of The American Legion's two million wartime veterans, I strongly urge you to make an appropriate presidential proclamation noting Senator McCain's death and legacy of service to our nation, and that our nation's flag be half-staffed through his interment," said a statement directed to him from Denise Rohan, the organization's national commander.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Tibbetts' father: Hispanic locals 'Iowans with better food'

BROOKLYN, Iowa (AP)—The killing of University of Iowa student Mollie Tibbetts has prompted criticism of the U.S. immigration system because the man charged in her death is a Mexican farmworker. But the victim's father told mourners he's been embraced by the local Hispanic community. Speaking Sunday afternoon to more than 1,000 people at a ceremony at his daughter's former high school, Rob Tibbetts didn't directly respond to comments by President Donald Trump and others who quickly seized upon the suspect's citizenship to argue for changes in immigration laws. However, The Des Moines Register reports that Tibbetts said he encountered Hispanics at Mexican restaurants and elsewhere who were sensitive and kind during the weeks he spent in the central Iowa community of Brooklyn to help search for his daughter. "The Hispanic community are Iowans. They have the same values as Iowans," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, they're Iowans with better food."

Tropical Storm Lane damage assessment under way

HONOLULU (AP)—Hawaii officials on Monday continued assessing damage from Tropical Storm Lane, which ranked as the No. 3 rainmaker from a tropical cyclone in the United States since 1950. It's still too early to quantify the extent of the damage, but it runs the gamut from flooded homes to washed-out roads, said Kelly Wooten, spokeswoman

for the Hawaii County Civil Defense Agency. "We don't really have any numbers or statistics back yet," she said. Assessment teams began surveying the damage Sunday. The storm caused damage, mostly on the Big Island, where rivers raged near Hilo and nearly 40 people had to be rescued from homes. There were no deaths from the storm, which had the potential to cause much more destruction. Some 200 people have called to report some kind of damage, mostly on the east side of the Big Island, said county Managing Director Wil Okabe.

2 arrested after woman, 70, said she was kept in dog kennel

MALAKOFF, Texas (AP)—An East Texas man and woman have been arrested after a 70-year-old woman said they kept her in a dog kennel, beat and kicked her, withheld food and water, and forced her to walk on broken glass. Tyler television station KLTU reports 47-year-old Leonnia Darlene Anderson Castillo of Log Cabin is charged with first-degree felony injury to the elderly and being held at the Henderson County Jail in Athens on a \$50,000 bond. A jail booking officer declined to say if she had an attorney. Tommy Lee Anderson, a 49-year-old Malakoff resident, is charged with felony unlawful restraint and free on \$15,000 bond. A police affidavit says the victim approached a Malakoff police officer and said she had been staying with the woman, to whom she was related, and her boyfriend when the ordeal began in January. Other relatives rescued her on Aug. 22.

Asia

Japan says N. Korean threat remains despite summit pledge

TOKYO (AP)—Japan needs to bolster its missile defenses and its alliance with the United States, its government stressed Tuesday in an annual defense review that judged North Korea to still be a serious threat that has not taken concrete steps to denuclearize.

The defense paper, approved Tuesday by the Cabinet, said Japan must add to its missile defense capabilities to be fully prepared while watching if North Korea keeps its promise.

President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un signed a vague joint statement at their summit in June that included agreements to denuclearize the Korean Peninsula. Trump last week directed Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to delay a planned trip to the North, citing insufficient progress.

North Korea tested intercontinental ballistic missiles last year, including launching some over Japan, and it deploys several hundred shorter-range Rodong missiles



AP
In this Aug. 29, 2017, file photo, members of the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force (JASDF) demonstrate the PAC-3 surface to air interceptors at the U.S. Yokota Air Base in Fussa, on the outskirts of Tokyo.

that capable of hitting Japan. The defense paper also says Pyongyang likely has made

miniaturized nuclear warheads it can place atop ballistic missiles, an advancement of its nuclear capability North Korea has claimed to have achieved.

North Korea has increased the range, accuracy and versatility of its missiles and diversified its launch sites and methods over the past few years. The North has since 2016 conducted three nuclear tests and more than 40 missile tests, the paper said.

"Its military actions have

become unprecedentedly serious and imminent threat to Japan's national security," the paper said. "There is no change in our basic recognition about the threat of North Korea's nuclear weapons and missiles."

It was "significant" that Kim promised to pursue denuclearization of the peninsula but it is necessary to watch what North Korea does to scrap its nuclear weapons and missiles, the report said.

While the United States is

primarily concerned about the ICBMs that can reach its mainland, Japan is within range of North Korea's smaller missiles. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has pushed to raise Japan's military participation and its missile defenses. Joint exercises with the U.S. and other defense partners including Britain and Australia have significantly increased, and Japan is buying costly U.S. equipment as Trump tries to sell more weapons and reduce the U.S. trade deficit.

Japan is currently updating its national defense guidelines and the medium-term defense program to reflect North Korea's threat, and to have "necessary and sufficient defense capabilities qualitatively and quantitatively," the paper said.

Japan has also stepped up surveillance and patrolling in regional seas to crack down on offshore ship-to-ship oil transfers to North Korean vessels in violation to U.N. sanctions.

Tuesday's report comes days before the Defense Ministry is set to approve its fiscal 2019 budget plan that would include an initial acquisition cost for a set of land-to-air missile defense system, Aegis Ashore. Opposition to that purchase has risen since Pyongyang suspended missile tests this year as it made diplomatic overtures to its ally China as well as the U.S. and South Korea.

The defense paper also raised strong concerns about China's military budget increases, its modernization and buildup of forces and weaponry, and its continuing assertive moves in the region's airspace and seas.

UN: China's African swine fever outbreak could cross borders

BEIJING (AP)—An outbreak of African swine fever in China could jump the border to neighboring countries in Southeast Asia or the Korean Peninsula, the U.N.'s Food and Agriculture Organization warned Tuesday.

Outbreaks of the highly contagious, viral disease that affects pigs and wild boar have been reported in four different Chinese provinces over the past month. The FAO said the distances between each outbreak — up to 1,000 kilometers (621 miles) — highlighted the danger of the virus spreading to other Asian countries at any time.

The "diverse geographical spread of the outbreaks in China have raised fears that the disease will move across borders to neighboring countries of Southeast Asia or the Korean Peninsula where trade and consumption of pork products is also high," the Rome-based FAO said in a news release.

African swine fever poses no direct threat to humans but threatens to devastate China's crucial pork industry. There is no effective vaccine to protect pigs from the virus.

China is the world's biggest pork producer, accounting for about half the world's population of swine at

around 500 million head. The meat accounts for more than 60 percent of animal protein consumed in the country.

China has culled more than 24,000 pigs and imposed strict quarantine and disinfection efforts in hopes of stamping out the virus.

African swine fever outbreaks have also been reported in the Americas and in the European Union, chiefly in the Baltics, Poland and Romania.

The FAO said the strain detected in China was similar to one found in Russia last year. While investigators have yet to determine the source of the latest outbreak, the virus' spread through China was likely due to the movement of pig products rather than live animals, it said, quoting chief veterinarian Juan Lubroth.

The FAO said it was working closely with authorities in China and neighboring countries to control the outbreak, but warned that a complete shutdown of the movement of pigs and pork products could undermine those efforts by encouraging illegal transportation methods.

China's agriculture ministry did not immediately reply to faxed questions about the most recent developments involving the outbreak.

Former Vietnamese jailer says he respected late Sen. McCain

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Sen. John McCain's Vietnamese jailer said he respected his former inmate and felt sad about his death, as others in Vietnam paid their respects to the former U.S. Navy pilot who became a prisoner of war and later was instrumental in bringing the war-time foes together.

McCain's Skyhawk dive bomber was shot down over Hanoi in 1967 and he was taken prisoner and held in the infamous "Hanoi Hilton" prison for more than five years.

Former Col. Tran Trong Duyet, who ran the prison at the time, said he met with McCain many times while he was confined there.

"At that time I liked him personally for his toughness and strong stance," he told the newspaper Vietnam News, published by the official Vietnam News Agency.

"Later on when he became a U.S. senator, he and Sen. John Kerry greatly contributed to promote Vietnam-U.S. relations so I was very fond of

him," Vietnam News quoted Duyet as saying Sunday.

"When I learnt about his death early this morning, I feel very sad. I would like to send condolences to his family. I think it's the same feeling for all Vietnamese people as he has greatly contributed to the development of Vietnam-U.S. relations," Duyet was quoted as saying.

Duyet could not be reached for comment on Monday. McCain died of brain cancer on Saturday at age 81 in his home state of Arizona.

Meanwhile, scores of people in Hanoi paid their respects to McCain at the U.S. Embassy and at a monument by Truc Bach lake, where he landed after parachuting from his damaged plane.

Speaking to reporters after writing in a book of condolences, U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kritenbrink said McCain was "a great leader and real hero" who helped normalize relations between the former enemies.

"He was a warrior, he was also a peacemaker and of course

he fought and suffered during the Vietnam War, but then later as a senator, he was one of the leaders who helped bring our countries back together and helped the United States and Vietnam normalize our relationship and now become partners and friends," Kritenbrink said.

McCain and former Sen. Kerry played important roles in the normalization of bilateral relations in 1995.

The Vietnam News Agency said Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc and National Assembly Chairwoman Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan sent messages of condolence to McCain's family and U.S. Senate leaders, while Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh paid respects to McCain at the embassy.

Pham Gia Minh, a 62-year-old businessman who signed the condolence book at the embassy, said he witnessed Vietnamese civilians being killed by the U.S. bombings of North Vietnam, including the Christmas bombing of Hanoi in 1972, but he admired Mc-

Cain for overcoming the difficult past to build better ties between the two countries.

"War is losses and suffering," he told the AP. "But the will of a brave nation is to go beyond that to look to the future. The Vietnamese people have that will and Mr. John McCain has that will. ... We both have that will to overcome the painful past, overcome the misunderstanding to together build a brighter future."

Hoang Thi Hang, a Hanoi resident who also signed the condolence book, said he had great respect for McCain's compassion. "He had compassion for everyone, whether they were rich or poor, whatever their background. And that is important in life."

The U.S. Embassy announced it will launch a McCain/Kerry Fellowship in which a young Vietnamese leader committed to public service will be chosen each year to travel to the U.S. on a study tour to deepen ties between the two peoples.

World

Bolivian woman might be world's oldest at nearly 118

SACABA, Bolivia (AP)—Julia Flores Colque still sings with joy in her indigenous Quechua tongue and strums the five strings of a tiny Andean guitar known as the charango, despite a recorded age of almost 118 years.

In her long life, she has witnessed two world wars, revolutions in her native Bolivia and the transformation of her rural town of Sacaba from 3,000 people to a bustling city of more than 175,000 in five decades.

Her national identity card says Flores Colque was born on Oct. 26, 1900 in a mining camp in the Bolivian mountains. At 117 and just over 10 months, she would be the oldest woman in the Andean nation and perhaps the oldest living person in the world. But Guinness World Records says it has received no application for her and Flores Colque

doesn't seem to care that her record hasn't been confirmed. She hasn't even heard of the reference book.

These days, she enjoys the company of her dogs, cats and rooster. She is lucid and full of life, and she loves a good cake and singing folkloric songs in Quechua to anyone who comes to visit the dirt-floor adobe home she shares with her 65-year-old grandniece.

"If you would have told me you were coming, I'd have remembered all the songs," she said jokingly while playing the diminutive guitar. She then dipped a finger into a cake, and smiled while she licked the frosting.

"She's always been active, easygoing and fun," said the grandniece, Agustina Berna.

Growing up, the now-centenarian herded sheep and llamas in the Bolivian highlands until she moved in her teenage

years to a valley, where she began selling fruits and vegetables. The produce became her main source of sustenance, and she still maintains a healthy diet though she does indulge in the occasional cake and glass of soda. She never married and has no children.

The previously world's oldest person, a 117-year-old Japanese woman, died earlier this year. Nabi Tajima was born on Aug. 4, 1900. Her passing apparently leaves Flores Colque as

the world's oldest living person.

A Guinness spokeswoman, however, said she wasn't aware of a claim being filed for the Bolivian woman.

Birth certificates did not exist in Bolivia until 1940, and births previously were registered with baptism certificates provided by Roman Catholic priests. Flores Colque's national identity card, however, has been certified by the Bolivian government.

Her longevity is striking in

Bolivia, which still has one of South America's highest levels of mortality, according to the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the U.N.'s regional arm.

The Sacaba mayor's office has named Flores Colque a living heritage. The office and a private foundation have improved her home, building a brick path where she walks, and a shower and toilet with a railing so the centenarian can safely make her way to the

bathroom at night.

Sitting in the sun on a rustic bench, she seems eternal or like an ancient statue carved in stone. She is hard of hearing, but she remains sharp and scolds her smallest dog whenever Blanquita tries to venture out into the street.

Just a few years ago, she still walked briskly. But then she fell and hurt her back. The doctor said she would never walk again. She proved the doctor wrong.



In this Aug. 23, 2018 photo, 117-year-old Julia Flores Colque eyes the camera while sitting outside her home in Sacaba, Bolivia.

AP

Venezuelan migrants accept government offer for flight home

LIMA, Peru (AP)—Nearly one hundred Venezuelan migrants in Peru are making an unexpected journey home after deciding to take up their government's offer of a free flight back instead of continuing to eke out a living in a foreign land.

With packed suitcases in hand, the migrants boarded an all-expenses paid flight Monday to capital city Caracas with Venezuelan state-run airline Conviasa, a trip that most would be unable to afford on their own.

"My experience wasn't pleasant," said Aury Durand, 24, who is eight months pregnant and said she was returning with a mix of "happiness and rage," after working long hours at a car wash and only getting one-third of the wages she was due.

"I'll be happy to see my country, whatever state it's in," she said.

In interviews with The Associated Press, several of those returning said they had difficulty finding jobs and encountered hurtful xenophobia that made a recent offer by Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro to fly them back appealing — a sharp contrast to the plight of hundreds of thousands of compatriots now trying to leave.

An estimated 2.3 million Venezuelans have fled their nation's crippling economic and humanitarian crisis since

2014, according to the United Nations. In countries like Colombia and Peru, several thousand migrants now enter the country planning to stay each day. The dramatic influx has sparked tensions and fueled xenophobia.

Still, the vast majority of those arriving say they'd prefer to start over than suffer through Venezuela's food and medical shortages, making the group departing Peru an outlier, though still a telling example of the trials many face.

"Peru opened its doors, but it also didn't have a plan," said Robinson Martinez, a returning 32-year-old mechanical engineer.

Martinez said that in his first three months in Peru he made a living selling candy on the street and even managed to send as much as \$15 back to Venezuela in remittances a week. But as the number of Venezuelans arriving in Peru continued to boom, the work became harder. He made fewer sales and said his rent doubled.

Then Martinez and his wife read online about a new initiative launched by Maduro called "Return to the Homeland," encouraging young Venezuelans who have left to come back and work in Venezuela — describing the flight of the nation's brightest as another right-wing scheme to loosen his grip on power.

Pope's alleged cover-up pivots on when, if sanctions imposed

VATICAN CITY (AP)—The archbishop of Washington on Monday "categorically denied" ever being informed that his predecessor had been sanctioned for sexual misconduct, undercutting a key element of a bombshell allegation that Pope Francis covered up clergy abuse.

Cardinal Donald Wuerl issued a statement after the Vatican's former ambassador to the United States accused Pope Francis of effectively freeing ex-Cardinal Theodore McCarrick from the sanctions in 2013 despite knowing of McCarrick's sexual predations against seminarians.

Wuerl's denial corresponds with the public record, which provides ample evidence that McCarrick lived a life completely devoid of ecclesiastic restriction after the sanctions were said to have been imposed in 2009 or 2010. That suggests that Pope Benedict XVI either didn't impose sanctions or never conveyed them in any official way to the people who could enforce them—or that McCarrick sim-

ply flouted them and Benedict's Vatican was unwilling or unable to stop him.

The claims of the former Vatican ambassador, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, have thrown Francis' papacy into crisis, undermining once again his insistence that he is intent on ridding the church of sex abuse and cover-up.

His record has taken several hits of late, including his extraordinary misjudgment involving a Chilean bishop, for which he has apologized and taken measures to address. But the McCarrick case is something else entirely, implicating the powerful U.S. hierarchy and the Vatican itself.

The core of Vigano's cover-up charge against Francis rests on what sanctions, if any, Benedict imposed on McCarrick and what if anything Francis did to alter them, when armed with the same knowledge of McCarrick's misdeeds that Benedict had.

Vigano, who was Vatican ambassador from 2011-2016, said he had been told that

Benedict imposed sanctions on McCarrick starting in 2009 or 2010, after a decade's worth of allegations of misconduct involving adult seminarians had reached the Vatican.

By that time, two New Jersey dioceses had settled complaints of sexual harassment and misconduct against McCarrick lodged by two former seminarians. It was apparently common knowledge that McCarrick would invite seminarians to his New Jersey beach house, and into his bed.

"The cardinal was to leave the seminary where he was living, he was forbidden to celebrate Mass in public, to participate in public meetings, to give lectures, to travel, with the obligation of dedicating himself to a life of prayer and penance," Vigano wrote of the Benedict sanctions.

Vigano said he informed Francis of the sanctions in a meeting June 23, 2013.

"Holy Father, I don't know if you know Cardinal McCarrick, but if you ask the Congregation of Bishops, there is

a dossier this thick about him. He corrupted generations of seminarians and priests, and Pope Benedict ordered him to withdraw to a life of prayer and penance," Vigano said.

His version of events was corroborated Monday by a former official in the Vatican embassy in Washington, Monsignor Jean-Francois Lantheaume, who told Catholic News Agency: "Vigano said the truth. That is all."

The historic record is rife with evidence that McCarrick had lived under no such restrictions. He traveled widely, including for Catholic Relief Services, the humanitarian branch of the U.S. church. He went to Iran in 2011 with a religious delegation to try to win the release of two American hikers arrested after crossing the border. He celebrated Mass publicly. He traveled to Rome with the entire U.S. conference of bishops for their once-every-five-year visit in 2012 and was even on hand for Benedict's final general audience on Feb. 27, 2013.

Environment

ON GARDENING: 'Saucy' sensational salvias for the garden

By **NORMAN WINTER**
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Saucy is nothing short of sensational for an annual salvia. From late April through the heat of August a lot of flowers have come and gone, but Saucy is still putting on the wow factor.

Saucy is a series of Salvia splendens which originated in Brazil. It comes in wine which is purple, red which is lush and saturated in color, and my favorite, coral because it is rare for this plant and offers a myriad of stunning partnerships.

Saucy salvias will reach about 2 to 3 feet tall and wide. Whether you choose foliage or flowers as their companion, you can rest assured Saucy will simply make it better. I guess it's like adding 'sauce' to your dish.

to your dish.

It's possible that most gardeners have not considered partnering annual salvias like Saucy with perennial salvias like Golden Delicious pineapple sage, the Mysty Blue salvia, or the supercharged Black and Bloom. If you find yourself in this group, break the mold and discover some of your most artistic garden creations.

Soil preparation plays a critical role in your success with Saucy salvias which, by the way, do have a chance for a spring return in zones 9 and 10. The soil should be fertile, organic-rich and very well drained. In almost every instance they are most successful in raised beds with a prepared landscape mix, an application of a controlled

release fertilizer, and a good layer of mulch. The fertilizer is important, as it gives the plants a quick jump start.

Those grown in large mixed containers have the best of all worlds with their mixes, perfect drainage, and regular feeding. Maintenance is minimal and should you cut them back, they will quickly reward you with fresh new growth and blooms.

I am deliriously happy with

the number of pollinators I see hitting on the blooms. There is nothing quite like going to a shopping center, or restaurant, where they have a mixed container of flowers and hummingbirds and butterflies are putting on a show.

Of course, the only thing that can compete with that is to have your own blooms off your porch, patio or deck where you can watch your backyard habitat with friends

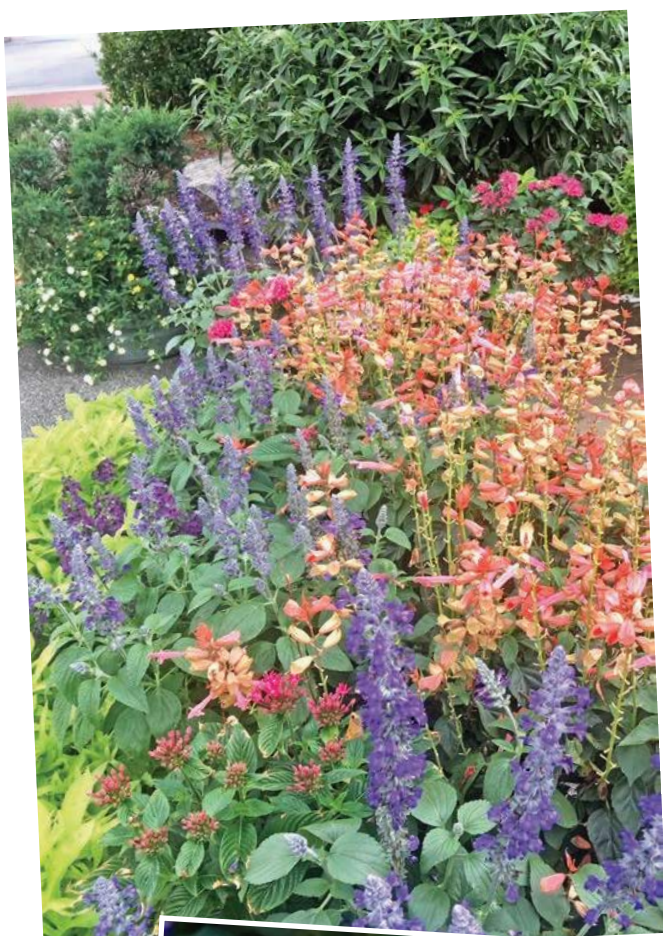
and family while cooking steaks on the grill.

Our grandparents grew up with this species but none have ever been like Saucy. In my area of Georgia, I probably have 90 days before the first frost. This is a long time that I have to freshen up a tired garden or mixed container with some of these salvias. You may have the same amount of days or even more.

If not just make sure to keep

in mind to add Saucy salvias to your list of must-have plants next spring. You're likely to find Saucy Red and Saucy Wine in the Southern Living Plant Collection.

Norman Winter, horticulturist, garden speaker and author of, "Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South" and "Captivating Combinations: Color and Style in the Garden." Follow him on Facebook @Norman-WinterTheGardenGuy.



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Saucy salvias partner well blue forms of salvias like these new Mysty.

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Saucy Coral contrasts in dramatic fashion with blue petunias.



In celebration of His New Life

†Rowell John Diaz Aranda

Lovingly known as "Row" "Weezy"

Was born on April 08, 1987 and was called to eternal life on August 18, 2018 at the age of 31.

In the gates of Heaven, Rowell will be greeted and reunited with his:

Mother: †Roma May Diaz Aranda

Maternal Grandparents: †Maria M. & †Juan C. Diaz

Paternal Grandparents: †Margarita & †Primo Aranda

Grandparent's in-law: †Matilde V. & †Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero

He will forever be remembered in the hearts and lives of his loving:

Wife: Deniece Santos Aranda

Children: Matilde Margarite, Roman Dean, Mikaela Jade

Father: Reynaldo A. Aranda

Siblings: Kenny & Amanda A. Diaz (Kenneth, Kenny Jr., Keannalyn, Kyle)
Amor Soruis & Leonard Deleon Guerrero (Leo, Leyanne, Lorenz)
Reynard Aranda & Yvonne Sablan (Brianna, Evan, Tivonna May)
Roxanne & Roy Ada (Romalyn, Roy Junior)

Parent's in-law: Margarita Dlg & Dean P. Santos

God Parents: Marian Dlg, Tudela

Herbert Taitingfong

Maternal Grandmother: Rosemarie Diaz

Grandparents In-Law: Felipa P. & Ferdinand Santos

Brothers/Sisters In-Law: Jaimelynn Kapileo (Peter, Nathan, Lorenza)
Katelynn Dlg & Mark Wallace (Alaysia, Anjalee, Mark III)
Larry Deleon Guerrero & Maribeth Manibusan (Madden, Mason)
Ashley Santos & Justin Kintol

Rowell will be greatly missed by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nieces, Nephews, God Children, Family and close friends.

The Eucharistic Mass Celebration is being offered daily at 6:00 a.m. and The Holy Rosary is being offered nightly at 7:00 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church, Garapan.

On Monday, September 03, 2018 his remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home at 7:30 am to the Mt. Carmel Cathedral followed by Responso and Rosary. Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11:00 am followed immediately by interment service at Mount Carmel Cemetery where he will be laid to rest.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

Life & Style

Museum a fitting host for Aretha Franklin's public viewings

Thousands are expected to pour into Detroit's Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History on Tuesday and Wednesday to pay their final respects to Aretha Franklin.

The setting for the public viewings could not be more fitting, according to Paula Marie Seniors, an associate professor of Africana studies at Virginia Tech.

"I think it's incredibly significant—she is being honored almost like a queen at one of the most im-

portant black museums in the United States," said Seniors, who visited the museum several years ago when she was in Detroit doing research.

The Queen of Soul, Seniors said, was "a singer of the universe." Yet she added that Franklin, who died Aug. 16 of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76, also was "so unapologetically black—she was so proud of being a black woman."

To be sure, Franklin didn't consider herself a catalyst for the women's movement or on the front lines of the fight for civil rights. But she repre-

sented and pushed for both in ways big and small—none, perhaps, more prominently or simultaneously as her mold-breaking take on the Otis Redding song, "Respect." She later said that with her interpretation—which even Redding acknowledged became the standard—sought to convey a message about the need to respect women, people of color, children and all people.

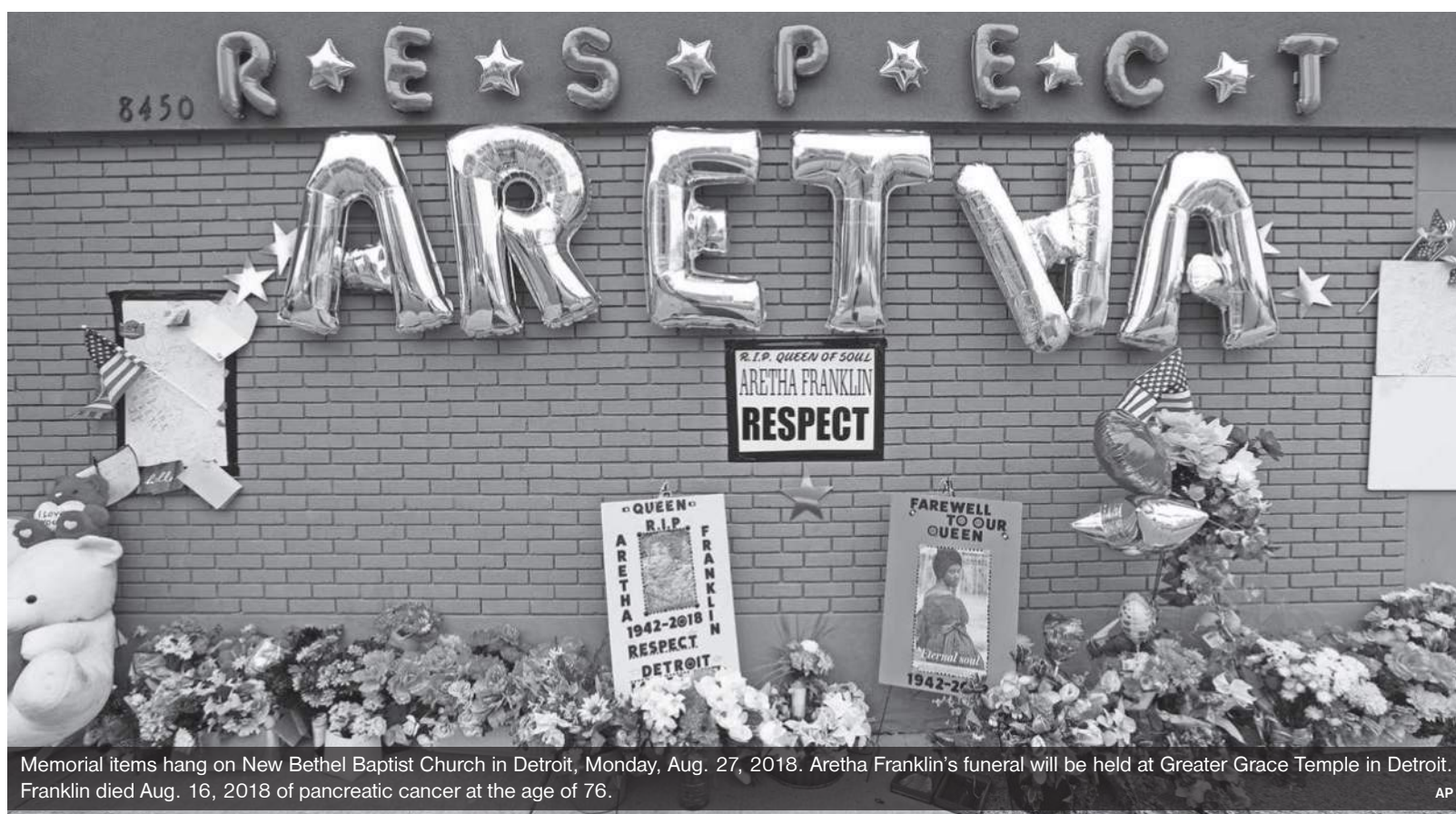
The museum, which had been the largest black museum in the U.S. until the National Museum of African American History and Culture

opened in Washington, D.C., in 2016, also hosted similar viewings for civil rights icon Rosa Parks after her 2005 death. In further symbolic symmetry, Franklin sang at Parks' funeral, which was held at the same Detroit church as Franklin's, and the singer will be entombed in the same cemetery as Parks.

The women came to their activism from different places and used different techniques, but "in the long run, they were both fighting for the same cause, which is freedom," Seniors said.

Seniors said if she could attend the viewings, she would bring her 8-year-old daughter, Shakeila, who has sung along with Franklin's videos.

"I want my daughter to know anything and everything about African-American culture and history," said Seniors, whose father, Clarence Henry Seniors, was roommates at Morehouse College with Franklin's brother, Cecil. "I would want my daughter to know of the people like Aretha Franklin—to be able to listen to that voice ... and hear that there is something special about it." (AP)



Memorial items hang on New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, Monday, Aug. 27, 2018. Aretha Franklin's funeral will be held at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit. Franklin died Aug. 16, 2018 of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76.

Detroit saying farewell in royal fashion to Queen of Soul

DETROIT (AP)—Aretha Franklin had admirers the world over, but there's no doubt the flame burned brightest in Detroit—the place she was raised and remained for most of her life.

It's difficult to separate the singer from the city, so you better think that her town is saying farewell in royal fashion to its Queen of Soul, with a concert, public viewings and a funeral that's expected to be attended by at least one former president, civil rights leaders and many other musical luminaries.

Here are some of the events and ways in which Detroit is paying respect to Franklin, who died Aug. 16 of pancreatic cancer at the age of 76:

RESPECT

Public viewings are planned Tuesday and Wednesday at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, which is also where civil rights icon Rosa Parks lay in repose after her 2005 death.

Thousands of mourners are expected to come to the museum, which had been the largest black museum in the United States until the National Museum of African American His-

tory and Culture opened in Washington, D.C., in 2016.

AMAZING GRACE

The Friday funeral at Detroit's Greater Grace Temple is billed as an event for friends and family only.

The all-star lineup of performers includes Stevie Wonder, Faith Hill, Jennifer Hudson, Fantasia and Shirley Caesar. Also slated to perform are Ron Isley, Chaka Khan, Yolanda Adams, Jennifer Holliday and Franklin's son, Edward Franklin.

The service will reflect Franklin's strong gospel roots. Among the gospel voices expected to fill Greater Grace include Marvin Sapp, the Clark Sisters and Vanessa Bell Armstrong.

VIPs aren't expected to be limited to the musical kind: Scheduled to speak at the service is former President Bill Clinton, whose inaugurations featured performances by Franklin. Others include the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, Bishop T. D. Jakes, Cicely Tyson, former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Clive Davis and Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder.

Smokey Robinson also plans to pay tribute with words, not music. The

Motown "Miracle" and Franklin grew up together and delivered a spine-tingling duet on Soul Train in 1979.

The Rev. Jasper Williams Jr., pastor of Atlanta's Salem Baptist Church, will deliver the eulogy.

It's expected to be a marathon service, perhaps lasting five hours or more.

The church also hosted Parks' funeral, at which Franklin sang.

FREEWAY OF LOVE

Greater Grace Temple is calling on people with pink Cadillacs to line up before the funeral in an effort to create a "Freeway of Love" in tribute to Franklin. That's a nod to her funky '80s tune of the same name that prominently featured the car in the lyrics and video.

Those who line the route get a special perk: The driver of the Caddy and one extra person will be admitted to the funeral.

I SAY A LITTLE PRAYER

After the funeral, Franklin will be entombed at Woodlawn Cemetery in Detroit, along with her father, Rev. C.L. Franklin; brother Cecil Franklin;

sisters Carolyn Franklin and Erma Franklin; and nephew, Thomas Garrett. Woodlawn also is the final resting place for Parks and many of the Motor City's musical elite, including members of the Four Tops.

ROCK STEADY

The night before the funeral, a riverfront amphitheater will rock and roll with musical tributes to Franklin.

Chene Park will host the genre-spanning Thursday evening concert, which is scheduled to feature Gladys Knight, Johnny Gill, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Angie Stone, Keith Washington and many others. The free tickets were all claimed shortly after going on sale Monday morning.

The Four Tops also will be among those performing. Abdul "Duke" Fakir said he was honored that his famed Motown group was invited to perform. The lone, surviving original member of the quartet said he and his bandmates shared a special bond with Franklin on stages and in studios over the decades.

"I'm happy—we always love to do anything we can for 'little sis,'" he said, adding that the performances "should be awe-inspiring."

Kingsley: I wanted to nail Eichmann to gates of Auschwitz

NEW YORK (AP)—Ben Kingsley said he didn't portray Adolf Eichmann out of love or admiration. Rather, he wanted to "nail him to the gates of Auschwitz."

The Oscar-winning Kingsley, who has tackled historical figures before, including Mahatma Gandhi, Otto Frank and Simon Wiesenthal, said playing Eichmann in "Operation Finale" produced an entirely different feeling in him.

"With Gandhi, I loved him. With Simon, I loved him. With Otto, I loved him. With Itzhak (Stern), I loved him. But him—I'll nail you to the gates of Auschwitz. I'll put you up there so everyone can see what you did, what you stood for and who you are," Kingsley told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

The story takes place fifteen years after the end of World War II. A team of Mossad agents travel to Argentina with the extremely dangerous mission of smuggling Eichmann out of



Kingsley

the country to bring him to justice in Israel. Eichmann, wanted for war crimes, was living in the South American country after escaping Germany at the end of the war. He was the main architect of the Final Solution, the Nazi plan to exterminate Jews that led to more than six million deaths.

"I put him into the camera for you to judge him, for you to see. I've let go of him and I dedicated my performance to Elie Wiesel and the millions who lost their lives under his command," Kingsley said.

"Rather than saying to the man that I portrayed, 'I am doing this for you,' because I certainly wasn't, I used to say to Elie Wiesel, 'I'm doing this for you,' because I know that Elie and other survivors said quite rightly that if we forget the six million, we are murdering them all over again."

Weinstein seeks to appeal judge's casting couch ruling

NEW YORK

(AP)—Lawyers for Harvey Weinstein want to appeal a court ruling that lets an aspiring actress' lawsuit equating Hollywood's casting couch to sex trafficking move forward.



Weinstein

The lawyers filed papers in Manhattan federal court Monday asking a judge to let them immediately appeal his ruling two weeks ago that gave the lawsuit the green light.

Kadian Noble said that Wein-

stein molested her in 2014 in a Cannes, France, hotel room.

Judge Robert Sweet ruled that the lawsuit was fairly brought under sex trafficking laws because the proverbial casting couch could be considered a "commercial sex act."

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Weinstein's lawyers argued there was no legal precedent for the ruling. They said the sex trafficking statute could not be used if there was no allegation of trafficking women.

Goodman guessing he's 'mopey' widower in 'Roseanne' spinoff

LOS ANGELES (AP)—John Goodman is speculating that this fall's "Roseanne" spinoff will mean curtains for the matriarch played by Roseanne Barr.

In an interview with the Sunday Times of London, Goodman said he wasn't sure how the new series, titled

"The Conners," will be structured.

But he guessed that his character will be "mopey and sad" because his wife has died.

Goodman played husband Dan Conner to Barr's character



Goodman

on ABC's original "Roseanne" and last season's revival.

The network fired Barr after she posted a racist tweet, which she apologized for but has said was misinterpreted.

Goodman said

he's certain Barr isn't a racist.

"The Conners" spinoff was announced by ABC after Barr agreed to relinquish any participation in it.

A representative for Goodman didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Poet laid to rest under unique tombstone he commissioned

BRUNSWICK, Maine

(AP)—The founder of the Dead Poets Society of America got what he wanted Monday: His remains were laid to rest under a special tombstone he commissioned before suffering a fatal heart attack.

The family of Walter Skold read poetry, including some of his own works, during the ceremony in a historic cemetery in Brunswick. His remains were buried under a slate tombstone carved with a dancing skeleton at the top.

"The end does not discriminate. It gives; it takes; it heals and breaks," Skold wrote in a poem from the

1990s read by one of his sons, Charles. "It beckons for all to enter the grave: The final bed of roses from which the flesh cannot evade."

Afterward, family including five children and two grandchildren gathered in a circle, danced and sang hymns. One of his poems read aloud was named, "Grave Dance."

Known as the "dead poet guy," Skold combined humor, history and the macabre in his travels to the final resting places of more than 600 poets. He launched the Dead Poets Society in 2008 in Maine, drawing inspiration for the name from the 1989 Robin

Williams movie.

His ultimate goal, he said, was to draw attention to poetry and poets, especially those bards who were in danger of being forgotten by history.

He traveled in a colorful cargo van dubbed "Dedgar the Poemobile" with a stuffed panther named "Raven" and an Edgar Allan Poe bobblehead on the dashboard. He held graveyard poetry readings and sometimes toasted poets with a drink. More than once, he had to explain himself to police.

That uniqueness came

through in his tombstone, which he commissioned little more than a month before he was felled at age 57 in January by a heart attack.

Michael Updike, son of novelist John Updike, was enlisted to carve the tombstone featuring a scattershot of literary inspiration from Skold's life and from graves he'd visited.

There was some gallows humor, of course. Carved on the bottom, hidden from view under the dirt, were these words: "This here rock's a talking stone just like Walt, who's turned to bone."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Coroner: Pantera drummer Vinnie Paul died of heart disease

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Medical examiners found that Vinnie Paul, the 54-year-old co-founder and drummer of the metal band Pantera, died of natural causes including heart disease. Clark County Coroner John Fudenberg announced Monday that Paul, whose full name was Vincent Paul Abbott, died June 22 at home in Las Vegas from cardiomyopathy, or an enlarged heart. Coronary artery disease was identified as a significant condition in his death. Abbott and his brother, Dimebag Darrell, formed Pantera in 1981. Dimebag, whose real name was Darrell Lance Abbott, was shot to death on stage with the band Damageplan in 2004. The two brothers founded Damageplan in 2003 after Pantera broke up. Paul was most recently in the band Hellyeah, a heavy metal supergroup with Mudvayne vocalist Chad Gray and Nothingface guitarist Tom Maxwell.

David Letterman and Jimmy Carter launch Habitat project

SOUTH BEND, Ind.

(AP)—Former President Jimmy Carter and comedian David Letterman have helped launch a Habitat for Humanity building blitz in northern Indiana. The retired late-night TV host praised Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, for their dedication to the nonprofit during a Sunday event at the University of Notre Dame that kicked off a five-day Habitat for Humanity effort to build 23 homes in adjacent Mishawaka. Letterman noted the Carters' long involvement with the group, telling the roughly 4,000 attendees that if it weren't for the Democratic former president and his wife, he wouldn't have become a Habitat for Humanity volunteer. The South Bend Tribune reports that the 93-year-old former president said he and his wife get "more out of it than we put into it" when they build Habitat homes.

'Black Panther' actor Michael B. Jordan surprises schoolkids

MONTGOMERY, Ala.

(AP)—Students from a private school in Alabama's capital got a surprise visit from actor Michael B. Jordan, who dropped in when he spotted them exercising in the midday heat.

The Montgomery Advertiser reports that Jordan was in Montgomery on Monday to begin filming "Just Mercy," which is based on the memoir of attorney and criminal justice advocate Bryan Stevenson.



Jordan

The "Creed" and "Black Panther" star was instantly recognized when he surprised the 15 students from Valiant Cross Academy.

One asked if he was, indeed, Michael B. Jordan. Another shouted: "You're from 'Black Panther'!"

Jordan said in an Instagram post he was driving when he spotted the students doing jumping jacks. He wrote: "The sight of them inspires me & reminds me why I do what I do!"

Stevie Wonder praises Philly gospel group on 90th birthday

PHILADELPHIA

(AP)—Stevie Wonder has helped celebrate the 90th anniversary of a legendary Philadelphia gospel group.

Philly.com reports the African American Museum



Wonder

in Philadelphia hosted a celebration for the Dixie Hummingbirds Monday. The group was formed in Greenville, South Carolina, and eventually moved to Philadelphia in 1942.

Wonder couldn't attend the celebration but he called in to praise the Dixie Humming-

birds for its contributions to modern music.

Current member Ira Tucker Jr. says he's carrying on the legacy of his father, Ira Tucker Sr., who died in 2008. Tucker says his father and

his groupmates were innovators in the '40s and '50s who helped usher in contemporary rhythm and blues music.

The Dixie Hummingbirds have three concerts scheduled this month. Members plan on rereleasing their 2011 album "Gospel Praise Songs—Powered By Quartets" this fall.

Couple fights to repair broken marriage after man's infidelity

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married 23 years. A month ago, he slept with my daughter's best friend.

As soon as it happened, he told me what he'd done. He said he felt like I didn't love him anymore and admitted he made a mistake. I can tell he truly feels ashamed. Nonetheless I am hurting, confused, angry, and I can't stop having visions of the two of them together.

We are trying to make our marriage work. I love him, and I can't picture my life without him, but I can't stop torturing myself. I have to let this go if our marriage is going to work. Do you have any suggestions to help me with this?

TORTURING MYSELF IN ALABAMA

DEAR TORTURING YOURSELF: Yes, I do have one. But before I offer it, let me point out that all of the emotions you are feeling are normal under the circumstances. Because you want to make your marriage work, with the help of a licensed marriage and family counselor, you and your husband should analyze what led to his infidelity. Your doctor should be able to refer you at the same time he or she gives you both the results of your STD examinations.

DEAR ABBY: We are good friends with a couple who have taken two very nice vacations a year for the last several years.

We are all in our late 60s.

When they book their trips, they intentionally fail to include ground transportation to and from the airport. They rely on having friends take them. The airport is about 45 minutes from where we live. They never offer to cover gas or parking for the trips. I feel it's inconsiderate and poor manners. The wife is a very good friend. Her husband books the vacations, and she has to do the "begging."

My husband and I take a limo to the airport. None of us lack the money for vacations. We now just make excuses to not accommodate them. I would appreciate your opinion. Should we just tell them the truth?

AGGRAVATED IN ATLANTA

DEAR AGGRAVATED: By all means tell your close friend the truth. And when you do, pass along the name and number of the limo company you use.

DEAR ABBY: My wife passed away six years ago. I have finally reached a point where I'm ready to not be alone anymore. The problem is I'm interested in one of her sisters. I love and care for the whole family, and it would devastate me to lose them by revealing it. Am I way off base to even think of pursuing it? Should I drop it or talk with her to find out her thoughts? Maybe I shouldn't try because it's not "normal," but I am inter-

DEAR ABBY

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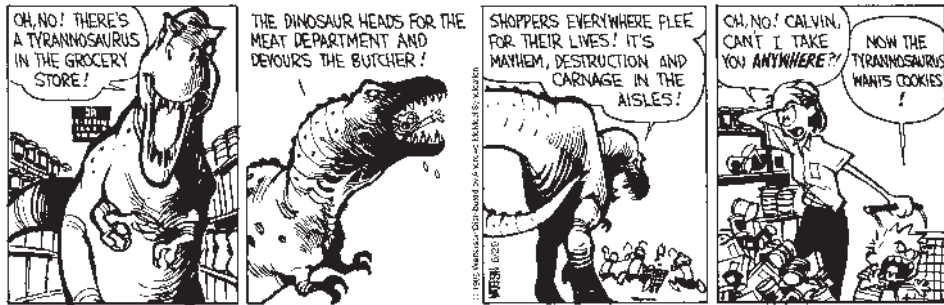
DEAR FORBIDDEN LOVE: This situation isn't as unusual as you may think. In biblical times, when a woman lost her husband, it was expected that his brother would marry her. If your late wife's sister is single, tell her how you feel. You have known her long enough that those feelings may or may not be mutual—but no law says you can't find out.

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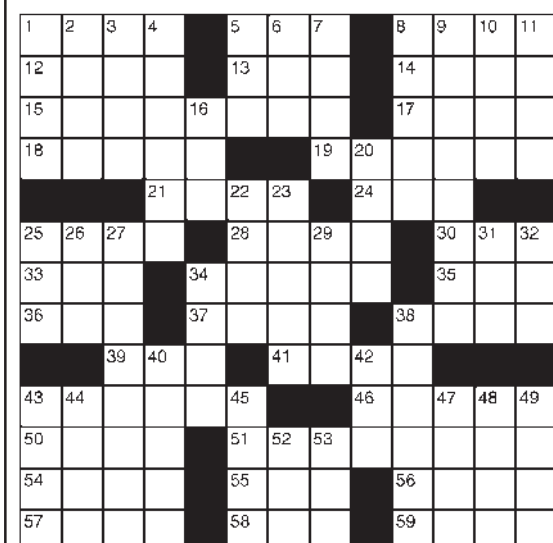
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll learn a lot through observation and talking to experts. Participate in events that can benefit you professionally or that offer alternative lifestyles or self-help. Personal growth, travel and retreats will open your mind to positive change. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Physical labor is encouraged. The satisfaction you will get out of hard work will be gratifying and will offer benefits and remuneration as well. Getting together with your peers to relax and enjoy one another's company will improve your work relationships. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Tuck your emotions away someplace safe. Don't display your feelings before you get your

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep doing what you do best. Don't give anyone the chance to intervene or to entice you to take on responsibilities that don't belong to you. It's important to finish what you start. Invest in yourself, not in helping someone else get ahead. ****

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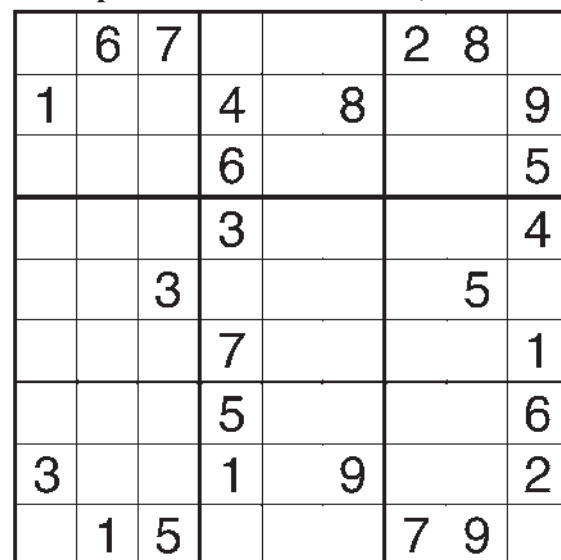
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Leave nothing to chance. Before you present and promote what you have to offer, pay close attention to detail. Your reputation depends on how prepared you are. Traveling and dealing with institutions will be complicated. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick close to home and nurture your relationships with close friends, relatives and those you live with. You'll learn a lot about others if you discuss and share feelings. A romantic gesture will lead to personal plans that will improve your life. *****

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



Difficulty Level ***

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Refuse to let emotions take over when dealing with friends, relatives or peers. Keep an open mind; be willing to listen and adapt to the changes necessary to help you reach your goals. Give and take will be required. **



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money, health and legal matters should take top priority. Temptation to indulge in expensive pastimes should be avoided. Put an incentive in place to encourage you to stick to your budget and to do what's right and best for you. ****



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can help others, but don't let anyone take advantage of you. Someone will use emotional tactics to make you feel sorry for him or her. Look past the melodrama and take care of your needs first. ***

Birthday Baby: You are brave, resourceful and kind. You are motivated and thorough.

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By DAVID
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Karidat is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified vendors for the construction of a parking lot for the Sister Remedios Community Center located on Chalan Kanoa Drive in Chalan Kanoa Village, Saipan.

Scope of work is available beginning August 23, 2018 at the Karidat Administration Office at the Sister Remedios Community Center. Requests may be sent via email to Judith Pangelinan at judyvpangelinan@karidat.org.

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White Sox keep rolling with victory over Yanks



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(AP)—The
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White Sox are more concerned with building confidence for next season than this year's results. Playing fundamentally sound, winning baseball against the major league's second-best team is a good place to start.

Carlos Rodon pitched two-hit ball over seven innings, Yoan Moncada doubled in two and surging Chicago beat the New York Yankees 6-2 on Monday night for its fourth straight win.

Rodon (6-3) allowed a two-run shot to Gleyber Torres but was strong otherwise, and Chicago's bullpen closed out a three-hitter. The White Sox have won 10 of 13 and clinched their first winning month of the season by improving to 15-10 in August.

"I think that they trust what they're doing out there right now," manager Rick Renteria said. "They're having a lot of confidence playing the game. I think they're trusting their instincts."

Rodon is 5-0 with a 1.84 ERA in his past nine starts. The 25-year-old left-hander hasn't lost since June 30.

"This month has been refreshing for us, the way we've been playing," Rodon said. "It's something to look forward to and just try to carry it out the rest of the season, and transition that into spring training and into next season as well."

New York (83-48) missed an opportunity to gain ground on the idle Red Sox, falling 6 1/2 games back of the AL East leaders. Coming off a four-game sweep in Baltimore, the Yankees had won eight of nine and shaved 4 1/2 games off Boston's lead in a span of eight days prior to Monday.

Yankees manager Aaron Boone thought his club was a little sluggish after playing a late game Sunday night.

"I think just coming off a road trip where you got day-night doubleheaders and you're getting in in the middle of the night," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said. "Unfortunately, that rears its head a little bit, but you got to be able to fight through that."

Yankees starter Masahiro Tanaka (9-5) dodged trouble early, including a no-out, bases-loaded jam in the fourth. He escaped that by striking out two before Moncada's groundout.

Chicago broke through in the sixth on a mix of luck and timely hitting. With one out, Daniel Palka tapped a broken-



New York Yankees' Neil Walker (14) is out at second base as Chicago White Sox second baseman Yoan Moncada reacts after getting Ronald Torreyes out at first to complete a double play during the seventh inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 27, 2018, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

bat dribbler up the third base line for a single. After a walk to Matt Davidson, Omar Narvaez made contact on a check

swing that rolled less than halfway toward third for another infield hit.

Moncada then grounded

a two-run double into right-center field to tie it at 2. Nicky Delmonico followed with a sacrifice fly, scoring Narvaez

for a 3-2 advantage.

Orioles 7, Blue Jays 0

In Baltimore, Kendrys Morales had his home run streak snapped at seven games by the Baltimore Orioles, who ended an eight-game skid by defeating the Toronto Blue Jays.

Striving to tie the major league record of homering in eight straight games, Morales went 0 for 3 with a walk and did not hit the ball out of the infield. In his final chance, the Toronto slugger swung through a slider from Paul Fry to strike out in the eighth inning.

Though he failed to match the mark shared by Dale Long, Don Mattingly and Ken Griffey Jr., Morales owns the big league record for successive games with a home run by a switch-hitter. He also owns the franchise record for consecutive games with a long ball.

Astros 11, Athletics 4

In Houston, Alex Bregman and Tyler White homered and drove in four runs apiece as Houston rallied to beat Oakland in the opener of their AL West showdown.

It was the sixth straight win for the first-place Astros, who moved to 2 1/2 games ahead of the Athletics.

George Springer and Jose Altuve each drove in a run during a five-run third inning that erased an early 4-0 deficit. This was the first game with Springer, Altuve and Carlos Correa in the lineup together since June 25. Springer, who pinch-hit Sunday, missed the previous five games with a quadriceps injury.

Bregman tied a career high with four hits.

Cubs 7, Mets 4

In Chicago, Jon Lester

pitched six innings, drove in two runs with a timely single off Noah Syndergaard and made two nice plays in the field to help Chicago beat New York Mets for its sixth consecutive victory.

Anthony Rizzo homered and Daniel Murphy reached three more times from the leadoff spot as the NL-leading Cubs moved a season-high 24 games over .500 by improving to 5-0 against the Mets this year. Murphy, who began his career with the Mets, is batting .407 (11 for 27) in six games since he was acquired in a trade with Washington.

Lester was in line for his 15th win before Kevin Plawecki hit a solo homer off Steve Cishek (4-1) in the seventh, tying it at 4 on a warm and windy night at Wrigley Field. But the Cubs went ahead to stay with two runs in the bottom half, including Ben Zobrist's tiebreaking double off Jerry Blevins (1-2).

Nationals 5, Phillies 3

In Philadelphia, Stephen Strasburg threw six effective innings, Matt Wieters hit a solo homer and Washington defeated Philadelphia.

Strasburg (7-7) gave up two runs and five hits, striking out five. He rebounded from a rough start against Philadelphia last week in his return from the disabled list.

The Phillies fell 3 1/2 games behind first-place Atlanta in the NL East after losing the opener for the seventh straight series. They're 6-12 since Aug. 8 and have dropped five games in the standings during that span.

Rhys Hoskins hit his 27th homer for Philadelphia.

Justin Miller tossed a perfect ninth for his first save.

Giants 2, Diamondbacks 0

In San Francisco, Chris Stratton threw a career-high eight innings to outpitch Patrick Corbin, and Steven Duggar hit an early two-run homer as San Francisco blanked Arizona.

The Diamondbacks began the night with a one-game lead in the NL West over Colorado.

Stratton (9-7) permitted five hits, struck out six and allowed only two runners past first base. He walked none and retired 17 of his final 18 batters to win for the first time since June 17.

Tony Watson set down two hitters and Hunter Strickland got one out for his 14th save, completing the five-hitter.

Corbin (10-5) had nine strikeouts and one walk in seven innings while absorbing his first loss in six starts against the Giants this season. He gave up four hits.

Judge improving but not swinging, Sanchez on rehab for Yanks

NEW YORK (AP)—The surging New York Yankees appear to have help on the way.

All-Star slugger Aaron Judge participated in baserunning and fielding drills for about a half hour Monday at Yankee Stadium under the watchful eye of team staff, and Gary Sanchez and Didi Gregorius also made progress in their recoveries from injuries for New York, which is a season-best 36 games over .500.

"Just gradually starting to introduce some baseball-type activities," manager Aaron Boone said of Judge. "It feels like, hopefully, he's improving a little bit."

The towering right fielder has not swung a bat since July

26, the night he fractured his right wrist after being drilled by Kansas City's Jakob Junis. Judge is hitting .285 with 26 home runs and 61 RBI.

"We just haven't gone to the next level of really starting to swing the bat yet," Boone said. "That's been trending in the right direction but has been something that's moved kind of slow."

The Yankees originally anticipated the reigning AL Rookie of the Year could return to action in as soon as three weeks, a prediction that has since missed the mark. Although he fielded some balls in right field Monday, Judge has yet to let his big right arm loose on any throws.

"He's not throwing the ball (at) full intensity because I think that's along the lines of really starting to hit," Boone said. "When you're cutting it loose there, that's the motion of that, you're going to feel that."

Sanchez, on the shelf since July 24 with a strained right groin, began a rehab assignment with Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre on Monday night and homered in his first at-bat. Despite sporting a .188 batting average with 14 homers in what has been a disappointing season for the 25-year old backstop, a rejuvenated Sanchez could provide another major power threat down the stretch.

"I just feel like his condi-

tioning is at a really, really good level," Boone said. "To me, it's the best it's been all year."

Out for a week with a left heel contusion, Gregorius hit off a tee Monday and was set to see a doctor. The steady shortstop is hitting .270 with 22 homers and 74 RBI.

"He's doing well," Boone said. "We've seen significant improvement with him every day."

Meanwhile, New York's deep bullpen is awaiting the return of All-Star closer Aroldis Chapman. Placed on the 10-day disabled list Wednesday with tendinitis in his left knee, the lefty flamethrower received a platelet injection Friday.

Ginobili retires after 16 years with Spurs



SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Manu Ginobili has played his final game, and with that a new era awaits the San Antonio Spurs.

Ginobili announced his decision to retire Monday, the 41-year-old wrapping up what he called a “fabulous journey” in which he helped the Spurs win four NBA championships in 16 seasons with the club.

The smooth left-handed guard from Argentina came to San Antonio in 2002, forming what quickly became a powerful “Big 3” alongside Tim Duncan and Tony Parker. Now, they’ve all moved on: Duncan retired two years ago, Parker left San Antonio earlier this summer as a free agent to sign with the Charlotte Hornets, and Ginobili has worn Spurs colors for the last time as well.

“Today, with a wide range of feelings, I’m announcing my retirement from basketball,” Ginobili wrote on Twitter in making the announcement. “IMMENSE GRATITUDE to everyone (family, friends, teammates, coaches, staff, fans) involved in my life in the last 23 years. It’s been a fabulous journey. Way beyond my wildest dreams.”

The image Ginobili chose to accompany that tweet: a photo of him walking off the floor, away from the camera, with four fingers aloft—signifying his four titles.

“An NBA champion and All-Star, Manu Ginobili is also a pioneer who helped globalize the NBA,” NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. “He

AP
San Antonio Spurs guard Manu Ginobili (20) drives around Oklahoma City Thunder forward Paul George, left, in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Oklahoma City, Saturday, March 10, 2018.



is one of basketball’s greatest ambassadors who believes in the power of sports to change lives. And for 16 years, we were fortunate to watch a legend compete at the highest level. Thank you, Manu, for a career that inspired millions of people around the world.”

Ginobili’s pro career lasted 23 seasons in all, starting with stints in Italy and Argentina. His drawing power was massive even in his final season, and it was common for him to spend plenty of time before road games posing for photos and signing autographs—often international fans proudly

displaying an Argentine flag.

“A role model for all of us that love this wonderful sport,” Spurs forward Pau Gasol said.

Duncan, Parker, Ginobili and Kawhi Leonard were the backbone of San Antonio’s drive to its most recent NBA championship in 2014, and this will be the first time that Gregg Popovich begins a season as the Spurs’ head coach with none of those players on the roster. Leonard was traded to the Toronto Raptors for DeMar DeRozan earlier this summer, the end of a relationship in San Anto-

nio that had apparently gone too sour to save.

Leonard’s departure meant Ginobili would have been the last significant player tied to the Spurs’ title years. But in the end, retirement was his call.

“Great player. Fierce competitor. Winner,” Dallas star Dirk Nowitzki said on Twitter. “Next stop: HOF.”

Getting enshrined in the Basketball Hall of Fame would seem like a certainty for Ginobili, especially when adding his accomplishments outside of the NBA. He led Argentina to the 2004 Olym-

pic gold medal, with a victory over the U.S. in the semifinals.

“He has the talent to continue playing for five years, but we have to respect his decision. Us Argentinians, we are so proud of him. We wish all the best in the new life,” said Juan Martin del Potro, who thanked Ginobili after his victory at the U.S. Open.

The No. 57 pick in the 1999 draft, Ginobili averaged 13.3 points and 3.8 assists in 1,057 regular-season games. He was a two-time All-Star and was the league’s Sixth Man of the Year for the 2007-08 season (getting 123 of 124

votes), plus he teamed with Popovich for 135 playoff wins—the third-highest total for any player-coach combo in NBA history.

The only two with more? Popovich and Duncan won 157, and Popovich and Parker won 137.

“Thanks for all you did for the game gramps,” Spurs forward Rudy Gay tweeted, poking fun at Ginobili’s age. Gay’s sentiment was shared by many in the NBA, and the Spurs quickly put up a page of on- and off-the-court highlights that bore the simplest of messages: “Gracias, Manu.”

NEW YORK (AP)—Some players, like top-ranked Simona Halep, freely acknowledge they don’t deal well with the hustle-and-bustle of the U.S. Open and all it entails.

Others, like 44th-ranked Kaia Kanepi, take to the Big Apple and its Grand Slam tournament.

Put those two types at opposite ends of a court at Flushing Meadows and watch what can happen: Halep made a quick-as-can-be exit Monday, overwhelmed by the power-based game of Kanepi 6-2, 6-4 to become the first No. 1-seeded woman to lose her opening match at the U.S. Open in the half-century of the professional era.

On a Day 1 that featured the major tournament debut of 25-second serve clocks, Halep blamed opening-round jitters, a recurring theme throughout her career. The reigning French Open champion has now lost her first match at 12 of 34 career major appearances, a stunningly high rate for

Halep one and done; Serena, Nadal win

such an accomplished player.

“It’s always about the nerves,” said Halep, who was beaten in the first round in New York by five-time major champion Maria Sharapova in 2017. “Even when you are there in the top, you feel the same nerves. You are human.”

She also offered up an explanation tied to this particular site. “Maybe the noise in the crowd. The city is busy. So everything together,” said Halep, who was coming off consecutive runs to the final at hard-court tuneup tournaments at Cincinnati and Montreal. “I’m a quiet person, so maybe I like the smaller places.”

Her departure means she can’t stand in the way of Serena Williams, who could have faced Halep in the fourth round. Williams, the 23-time major champion who missed last year’s U.S. Open because she gave birth on Sept. 1, returned with a flourish, follow-

ing singer Kelly Clarkson’s opening night performance in Arthur Ashe Stadium with a 6-4, 6-0 victory over Magda Linette under the lights.

“The first set was tight. It was my first back here in New York, so that wasn’t the easiest,” Williams told the crowd. “Once I got settled, I started doing what I’m trying to do in practice.”

Williams, a six-time winner at Flushing Meadows, moved a step closer to a possible third-round matchup against her older sister, two-time winner Venus, who defeated 2004 champion Svetlana Kuznetsova 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Others making the second round included defending champion and No. 3 seed Sloane Stephens, two-time finalist Victoria Azarenka, and two-time major champ Garbine Muguruza.

On the men’s side, top-

ranked Rafael Nadal advanced when David Ferrer retired in the second set of their all-Spanish matchup Monday night.

Nadal won the first set but trailed 3-4 in the second when Ferrer had to stop because of injury.

The defending champion said he felt bad for his Davis Cup teammate, whom he beat for the 2013 French Open title.

Ferrer said afterward it was his final Grand Slam match and he was sorry he wasn’t able to finish it.

Four seeded men lost in the afternoon, including No. 8 Grigor Dimitrov against three-time major champion Stan Wawrinka, who also beat him in the first round of Wimbledon, No. 16 Kyle Edmund and No. 19 Roberto Bautista Agut. Andy Murray, whose three major titles include the 2012 U.S. Open, played his first

Grand Slam match in more than a year and won, eliminating James Duckworth 6-7 (5), 6-3, 7-5, 6-3.

Halep’s loss was the first match at the rebuilt Louis Armstrong Stadium, which now has about 14,000 seats and a retractable roof, and what a way to get things started. That cover was not needed to protect from rain on Day 1 at the year’s last major tournament—although some protection from the bright sun and its 90-degree heat might have been in order.

“The courts suit my game, and I love being in New York. I like the city,” said Kanepi, who is from Estonia and is sharing a coach this week with another player, Andrea Petkovic. “I like the weather: humid and hot.”

But several players had trouble in the heat, struggling with cramping or simply breathing.

Since professionals were admitted to Grand Slam tournaments in 1968, only five times before Monday did women seeded No. 1 lose their opening match at a major—and never at the U.S. Open. It happened twice to Martina Hingis and once to Steffi Graf at Wimbledon, once to Angelique Kerber at the French Open and once to Virginia Ruzici at the Australian Open.

Halep got off to a slow start at Roland Garros this year, too, dropping her opening set, also by a 6-2 score, but ended up pulling out the victory there and adding six more to lift the trophy.

There would be no such turnaround for her against Kanepi, a big hitter who dictated the points to claim her second career win against a top-ranked player—but first top-20 victory since 2015. Kanepi has shown the occasional ability to grab significant results, including a run to the quarterfinals at Flushing Meadows a year ago.

Giants, Beckham agree to record \$95M, 5-year extension

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Odell Beckham Jr. of the New York Giants is now the NFL's highest-paid wide receiver.

The Giants on Monday announced they have signed Beckham to a five-year contract extension that will keep the three-time Pro Bowler with the franchise for another six seasons.

"We got him until he's 108," general manager Dave Gettleman quipped. "I never worried whether or not we would get it done. I'm pleased, because the litmus test for a contract is that neither side is ticked off before

the ink can dry, and neither side should be ticked off. It's a very fair deal."

The signing comes less than two weeks before the season opener against Jacksonville on Sept. 9 at MetLife Stadium.

While terms were not disclosed, the deal with the 25-year-old, 2014 first-round pick is worth about \$95 million with \$65 million guaranteed.

Beckham's \$19 million average salary would top the \$17 million earned by Antonio Brown of the Pittsburgh Steelers. His \$95 million deal also tops the \$82.5 million deal receiver Mike Evans has with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Beckham, who missed most



In this Aug. 24, 2018, file photo, New York Giants wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. (13) watches from the sidelines during the fourth quarter of a preseason NFL football game against the New York Jets, in East Rutherford, N.J. Beckham Jr. is now the NFL's highest-paid wide receiver.

6JMS-backed teams sweep semis berths

The A Division of the 2018 Saipan Electronic Darts Association League Bud Light Cup is down to four teams after the 6JMS 101 Proofers, Mafia 1, Predators, and Scorpions won their playoff matches last Monday.

The 6JMS 101 Proofers notched a semis ticket at the upper half of the bracket after dominating the 6JMS Strikers, 9-2. The 6JMS 101 Proofers swept the partners 701 double in/double out game, won one single regular cricket, added two random cricket victories, split the partners regular cricket, and went 3-for-4 in the singles 501 double in/double out to move into the semifinals. In the Final Four, the 6JMS 101 Proofers will face the 6JMS Mafia 1, who pulled off a 9-8



6JMS 101 Proofers players pose for a photo after beating the 6JMS Strikers in the A Division playoff round of the A 2018 Saipan Electronic Darts Association League Bud Light Cup last Monday.

victory over Naked Fish Riding Darty. Their semis game will be played on Monday, Sept. 3.

The 6JMS Predators and

6JMS Scorpions will also collide on Sept. 3 for the finals berth at the lower half of the draw. The 6JMS Predators moved a win away from

marching into the title game after eliminating Amari's Gunners, 9-4. The 6JMS Scorpions, on the other hand, ousted the Drunken Warriors in similar scores to make it to the semifinals.

Winners in the all-6JMS teams semis affair will fight for the Bud Light Cup on Sept. 10.

Meanwhile, the Masters Division champion will be decided tonight when 6JMS Mafia takes on 6JMS Pythons.

Also set for tonight are the quarterfinals games in the C Division. The pairings are as follows: 6JMS Bulldogs vs 6JMS Dart Vaders; Oleai Re-Darts vs Johnny's Werpa; Amari's Built-it vs Rivers Shots; and Amari's Weltzide vs Amari's Like A G4. (Rose-lyn B. Monroyo)

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sides after that and SIS finally broke Zheng's serve with David Zheng's making a return to the backline. However, Agape kept control of the third set, as it still won the next exchange, 4-1, to move closer to clinching the victory in its season-opening game.

Then just went the Torchbearers thought the Geckos would be an easy picking, SIS mounted a comeback, thanks to Milan Goodwin. She gave Agape a dose of its own medicine, as the latter also failed to break the former's service. Goodwin, who delivered the last two points in the Geckos' close victory in the second set, recorded four of the Torchbearers' 7 straight markers in the third-set rally. SIS got its two other points off an Agape wide serve and a return that hit the net, while Chung handed the Geckos their last point when he dropped the ball to an unguarded spot at the backline.

Sensing trouble after SIS cut the deficit to 4, 9-13, Agape's coach called time-

out, hoping to stop the bleeding. The Torchbearers did, as when the game resumed, SIS committed three touches after a rally, moving Agape a point away from winning the match. Agape went on to end the game in the ensuing play, as Chung's return off Jenny Lin's serve was wide off the right sideline.

Meanwhile, three other games were scheduled in the opening day of the middle school volleyball league. Grace Christian Academy 1 hosted Saipan Community School, while Agape 2 played against Seventh Day Adventist in the second match at the ACS court. GCA also hosted two games with GCA 2 scheduled to challenge Mt. Carmel School. GCA 2 is this season's defending champion, as it slipped past MCS 1, 22-25, 25-10, 17-15, in the 2017-2018 finale.

The regular season of the middle school division will be a double-round robin affair, while a single elimination format will be in effect in the playoff round. Games are played every Tuesday,



Saipan International School's Milan Goodwin receives a serve from an Agape Christian School 1 player during the second set of their game in the CCOPSA middle school volleyball league yesterday at the ACS court.

Wednesday, and Thursday. Today, SDA will host Agape 1, while tomorrow's pairings

will be SCS vs SIS at SCS; MCS vs ACS 2 at Mt. Carmel; and GCA 2 vs GCA 1.

of last season with a broken left ankle, was scheduled to make \$8.4 million in the final year of his rookie contract.

Beckham had said early in training camp that he was taking a risk practicing without a new contract. It paid off.

"Honestly, I don't even

know how to explain it," Beckham said in a statement. "I don't know if it's a relief, I don't know -- it's a combination of everything. You've worked all your life to get to this point and it's finally here."

Beckham felt getting a new deal would be just a matter of time.

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squad are products of their grassroots program.

"We have a lot of young players on our national teams. These are the players who started with our grassroots programs. We thank the different clubs for taking care of our players and helping them improved their games. Without our locals clubs, we will not be able to implement our grassroots program effectively," Tan said.

For the men's team, Thaiphi Austria, Jehn Joyner, Sunjoon Tenorio, Enrico Del Rosario, Sebastian Manabat, Bo Barry, John Michael Rojas, and siblings Anthony and Joel Fruit are products of the association's grassroots program, while the women's side has Gabrielle Race, Guinevere Borja, Gillian Villagomez, Katrina Costales, Paulyn Joyce, Carla Ballesteros, and Krizel Tuazon. When the first CNMI men's national team was formed in 2007 and played against Guam in the first-ever Marianas Cup, the squad had only one U18 player, while the rest were in their late 30s to mid 40s. The wom-

en's team also lacked a lot of young blood when it played in the East Asian Football Association-sanctioned tournament in 2009.

CNMI Men's National Team captain Jonathan Takano said having a young squad this year means the group has a lot of potential. Women's team captain Janelle Chojnacki, on the other hand, said that the young players on their squad are prepared to give their all at the pitch and hopefully produce positive results.

The men's and women's national teams will be playing against Guam, Macau, and Mongolia in the EAFF qualifier that will run from Sept. 2 to 7 at the Mongolia Football Federation Stadium and Mongolian National Stadium in Ulan Bator.

Meanwhile, Tan also acknowledged the players' parents for their unwavering support that began when their children's started to show interest in the sport.

"Every time we are sending teams in off-island tournaments, I will not forget to thank the parents whose support encourages their children to stay in the program," Tan said.

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other hand, draws hundreds of runners and they race in 10K, half marathon, marathon, and ultra marathon (50K) events.

Meanwhile, in addition to distributing information on The Marianas to consumers and media, the MVA received registration for four Ironman competitors. Information on other sports opportunities, such as diving, was also shared.

Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre is situated in one of the key commercial areas in Hong Kong. Exhibitors included national and state tourism offices, travel agencies, and other travel trade representatives. Over 30 lectures and workshops engaged attendees in various sports topics and demonstrations.

Besides Ironman Saipan and Saipan Marathon, other annual signature events of the MVA related to sports are Tagaman Triathlon, Hell of The Marianas, Rota Coffee Trail Run, and KONQER Saipan. (PR)

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES				
MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	90	42	.682	—
New York	83	48	.634	6½
Tampa Bay	70	61	.534	19½
Toronto	60	71	.458	29½
Baltimore	38	94	.288	52
Central Division				
Cleveland	74	56	.569	—
Minnesota	61	69	.469	13
Detroit	53	78	.405	21½
Chicago	52	79	.397	22½
Kansas City	40	91	.305	34½
West Division				
Houston	81	50	.618	—
Oakland	79	53	.598	2½
Seattle	74	57	.565	7
Los Angeles	64	68	.485	17½
Texas	58	74	.439	23½
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Atlanta	73	57	.562	—
Philadelphia	70	61	.534	3½
Washington	66	66	.500	8
New York	58	73	.443	15½
Miami	53	79	.402	21
Central Division				
Chicago	77	53	.592	—
St. Louis	73	58	.557	4½
Milwaukee	73	59	.553	5
Pittsburgh	64	67	.489	13½
Cincinnati	56	75	.427	21½
West Division				
Arizona	72	59	.550	—
Colorado	71	60	.542	1
Los Angeles	70	61	.534	2
San Francisco	66	67	.496	7
San Diego	50	83	.376	23
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IT&E Off-Road Duathlon and Trail Run

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Two female bikers pass through the trail bike course during last Saturday's IT&E Off-Road Duathlon and Trail Run.



Rommel Bartolo takes his time negotiating the bike course.



Mark Isip keeps a steady pace in the run race of the duathlon event.



Max Simian heads to the finish line.



Dorothy Chung comes out of the Banzai Cliff trail.



Barefoot runner Chang Wan Jang nears completion of the 12K race.



Sakiko Eda is all smiles as she is about to complete the 12K run.



Ben Babauta concentrates as he pedals through a rocky road.



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Agape 1 wins season opener



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
An Agape Christian School 1 player serves during the third set of their game against Saipan International School in the CCOPSA middle school volleyball league yesterday at the ACS court.

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Agape Christian School 1 drew first blood in the middle school division of the 2018-2019 Commonwealth Coalition of Private Schools Association Volleyball League after outclassing Saipan International School in their three-set match yesterday at the ACS court.



The Torchbearers cruised to a 25-13 victory in the first set and then dropped the second, 23-25, before taking the deciding third, 15-9, to win their opener this season.

David Zheng delivered for Agape in the third set, as SIS could not break his serve. With Zheng steady with his service game, Agape raced to a 5-0 lead in the last set, prompting SIS coach Mili Saiki to sued for time. However, the brief break failed to halt Zheng's momentum, as he scored two more points off his service and Agape got one when the Geckos' return hit the net, giving the Torchbearers an 8-0 spread.

Opposing teams switched

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Ironman, Saipan Marathon featured in Hong Kong expo



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The Marianas Visitors Authority participates in the 7th Sports Expo in Hong Kong from Aug. 17 to 19 to promote Ironman 70.3 Saipan, Saipan Marathon, and other sports activities in The Marianas.

Sporting events in The Marianas was at the forefront of the Marianas Visitors Authority's recent participation in a Hong Kong Expo. The MVA joined the 7th Sports Expo at the Kowloon Bay International Trade & Exhibition Centre held from Aug. 17 to 19 with the event attracting over 100,000 expo visitors and more than 200 exhibitors.

"Sports tourism is a key part of attracting visitors and media attention to The Marianas, and we definitely have a lot to offer to the athletes," said MVA managing director Christopher A. Conception. "This is the first sports expo the MVA has participated in a very long time, and we took the opportunity to highlight two upcoming events in particular, the Ironman 70.3 Saipan that will be held on Oct. 27, 2018 and Saipan Marathon on Mar. 9, 2019."

The Ironman 70.3 Saipan is one of a series of long distance triathlon races organized by the World Triathlon Corporation. It features a 1.2-mile (1.9K) swim, a 56-mile (90K) bike ride, and a 13.1-mile (21.1K) run. This year's Ironman 70.3 Saipan will offer 30 age qualifying slots for the 2019 Ironman 70.3 World Championship that will be held in Nice, France.

This year's race will also feature a new course. The race will begin with the swim course of two loops in the crystal-clear waters off Micro Beach at the American Memorial Park, which will also be the transition site for the three-loop bike route to the quiet nature and historic and scenic sites of Marpi. The mainly flat, two-loop run course follows the western lagoon of the island from Micro Beach to the MVA office in San Jose and back.

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NMIFA's grassroots program bears fruit

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Northern Mariana Islands Football Association is now reaping the fruits of its grassroots program, as more young players have been suiting up for its elite men's and women's national teams.

NMIFA president Jerry Tan, during last Friday's send-off ceremony for the CNMI men's and women's national squads that will be competing in the EAFF E-1 Football Championship 2019 Round 1 in Mongolia next month, noted that majority of the members of the



ROSELYN B. MONROYO

CNMI Men's National Team members listen to the message of Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan during a send-off ceremony last Friday at the NMI Soccer Training Center.

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